





**Presented by**

---

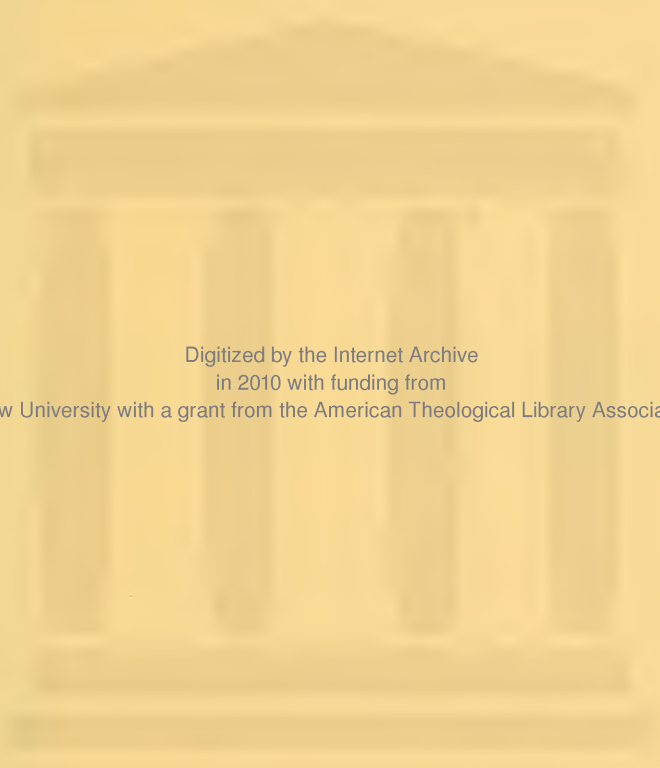
---

---

Board of Missions of The Methodist Church  
L. L. ...  
475 RIVER ST., NEW YORK 27, N.Y.







Digitized by the Internet Archive  
in 2010 with funding from  
Drew University with a grant from the American Theological Library Association



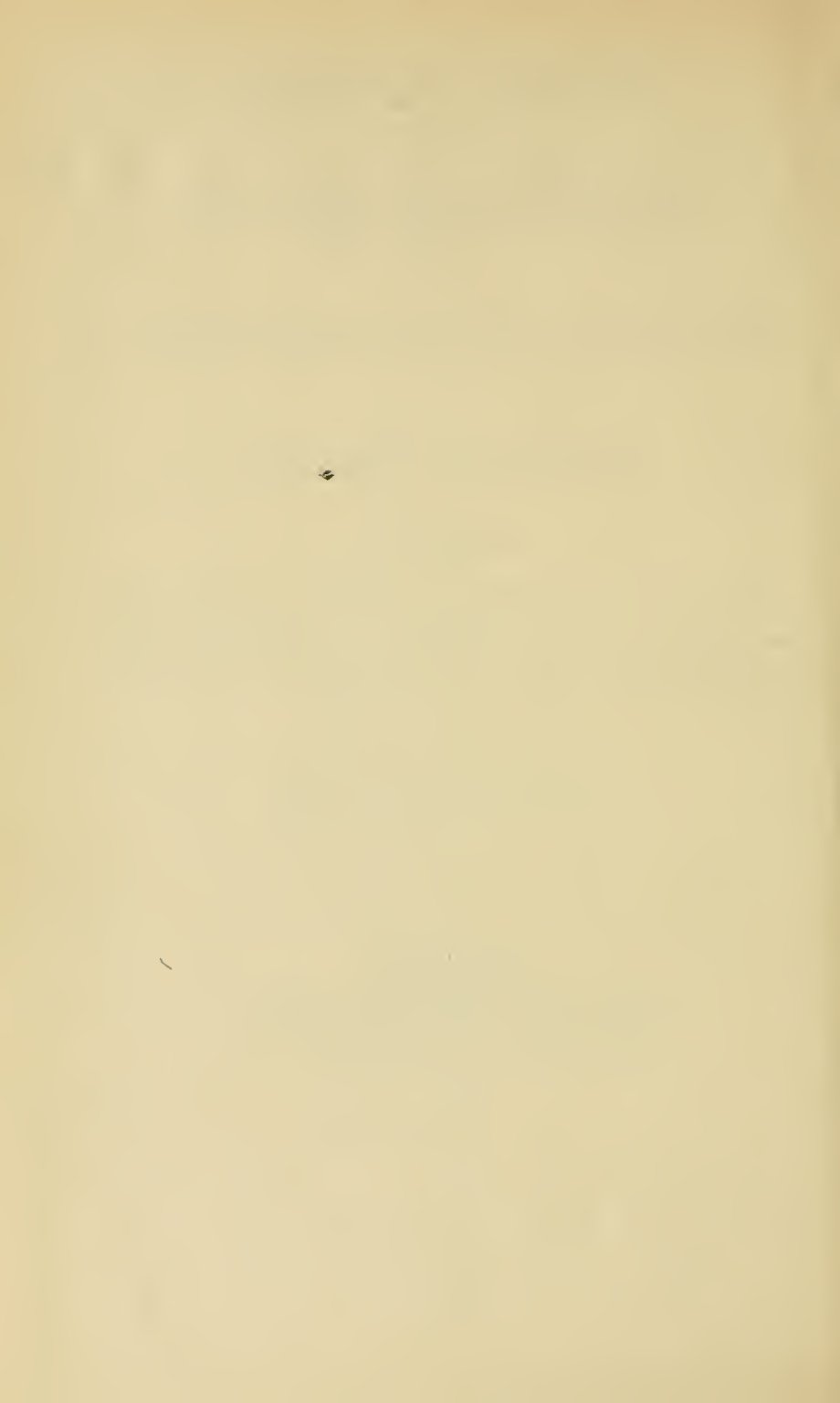
OFFICIAL JOURNAL  
of the  
*Seventeenth Session*  
of the  
Rhodesia Annual Conference  
of the  
Methodist Church  
*1955*

*Historical Note:* The Rhodesia Conference is the continuation of ten sessions of the East Central Africa Mission Conference and fourteen sessions of the Rhodesia Mission Conference and ten sessions of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Held in OLD UMTALI  
Southern Rhodesia, Africa  
August 14th to 21st, 1955



ODD HAGEN, PRESIDING BISHOP  
NEWELL S. BOOTH, RESIDENT BISHOP  
PER HASSING, SECRETARY



# TABLE OF CONTENTS

---

I	OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.....	287
II	BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, SOCIETIES, COUNCILS .....	287
	B. CONFERENCE ROLL .....	293
III	DAILY PROCEEDINGS.....	299
IV.	DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.....	316
V.	APPOINTMENTS.....	319
VI.	REPORTS	
	(a) District Superintendents.....	363
	(b) Standing Boards, Commission, and Committees.....	340
	(c) Special Committees.....	356
	(d) Conference Statistician.....	408
	(e) Conference Treasurer.....	362
VII.	MEMOIRS.....	361
VIII.	ROLL OF THE DEAD .....	394
	(a) Members of Conference	
	(b) Widows of Deceased Members, Wives of Members	
	(c) Other Workers	
IX.	MISCELLANEOUS	
	(a) Plan of Conference Examinations	
	European Ministers.....See Discipline	
	African Ministers.. ..	395
	Local Preachers.....	395
	(b) Conference Rules of Order (none)	
	(c) Lay Delegates.....	398
	(d) Conference and Missionary Roll .....	293
X.	INDEX .....	406



PART (I)

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

**PRESIDENT:**—Odd Hagen, Scandinavia Area.

**AREA BISHOP:**—Newell S. Booth

B. P. 522, Elisabethville, Belgian Congo

**SECRETARY:**—Rev. Per Hassing

P. B. P 24, Umtali, Southern Rhodesia

Assistants: Rev. K. Choto, Miss E. de Vries

Calendar: Miss M. Deyo and Rev. J. Rugayo

**TREASURER:**—Rev. A. R. Boucher

Mrewa, Southern Rhodesia

**STATISTICIAN:**—Rev. H. D. Griffin

Watsonba, Southern Rhodesia

Assistant: Mr. Jasper Machiri

**Lay Leader:**—Mr. Enoch Chieza. 56 Chisamba, Sakubva, Umtali

**The Cabinet:**—P. Hassing, Chairman, Miss E. de Vries Secretary

**District Superintendents:** P. Hassing, (Chm) H. D. Griffin (Sec)

PART (II)

A. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

BOARDS:

Conference Claimants

1956 M. E. Culver, E. J. Aeschliman, K. Choto, Chairman  
J. Gwara, G. Jangano, J. Zhakata.

1960 L. Blomquist, H. Anfinson, J. Rugayo, S. Chitiyo, J.  
Nyamurowa, I. Muringapi.

Board of Education

O. Stine, Chairman, I. Musamba, Secretary, Frances Hackler,  
Executive Secretary, C. Manyande

I. Religious Education

Titus Marange, Chairman, S. Hervold, Secretary, Mrs.  
Culver, Executive Secretary for Conference, Mrs. Murphree,  
O. Musingwini, Mrs. Sells, Mrs. Boucher, K. Mhandu, J.  
Nemaungwe, Mrs. Miller, E. Mukonde, N. Katsande, W.  
Mandisodza, N. Chigubu, J. Machiri, J. S. Wreford, D.  
Muchapaidze, P. Matambo, P. Chieza, M. Makonya, Mrs.  
Gates, I. Chingwena, J. Chingono, N. Madzinga

2. Curriculum

H. Wildermuth, Chairman, I. Kambarami Secretary, E.  
Russell, E. Dzimwa, F. Zhakata, E. Parks, D. Denga, A.

Sibanda, D. Kumalinga, I. Scovill, S. Aldrich, P. Dube, S. Chidzwondo

### 3. Publications

M. E. Culver, Chairman, Mrs. Griffin, Secretary, E. L. Sells, M. Chiza, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Blomquist, T. Mutemi, E. Ashby, W. Kinyon, J. Rugayo, Mrs. Kinyon, J. Chimbadzwa, B. Reitz, D. Makuto, Mrs. Piburn, J. D. Jijita, P. Machiri.

### 4. Schools

T. R. Roberts, Chairman, Mrs. Gazeley, Secretary, E. Chieza, F. Hackler, K. Choto, I. W. Jansen, I. Muringapi, J. Makuto, E. Nyamurowa, S. Chitiyo, M. Masiku, P. Gosha, J. Zhakata, G. Kapenzi, S. Kasambira, Z. Magunde, E. Kanye-re, W. Chieza, J. Nduna, A. Mansure, W. Bourgaize, J. Pfaff, A. Boucher, S. King, A. Madondo, N. Nyagura, C. Manyande, F. Chipaumire, H. Chiremba, S. Makawa, S. Kanyenze, H. Griffin, I. Ganyaupfu, C. Tsododo.

### 5. Community Life and Home

E. J. Aeschliman, Chairman, M. Ball, Secretary, Mrs. Sherertz, Mrs. Wreford, J. Chatema, M. Piburn, T. Katiyo, T. Pedzeni, H. Katsidzira, R. Hanson, M. Chieza, Mrs. Aeschliman, T. Madondo, M. Nyagura, A. Madzimamuto, Mrs. Muzorewa, J. Maramba, M. Johnson, Mrs. Anfinzen, G. Carr, B. Smalley, E. Mukonde, Dean Manbeck, Mrs. W. Mandisodza, A. Kajese, Mrs. Smalley, C. Nutting.

### 6. Youth Work

O. Stine, Chairman, G. Otto, Secretary, A. Muzorewa, H. Emmert, Mrs. Jansen, M. Taylor, J. Risinamhudzi, D. Mushapaidze, L. Mandizha, A. Munjoma, A. Whitney, M. Muparutsa, L. Chikukwa, Jasper Machiri, A. Rusike, S. Chieza, I. Tsopotsa, H. Matunga, C. Miller, A. Hlahla, S. Munjoma, P. Nyamukapa, P. Gurupira, D. Sherertz, M. Hunidzarrira, P. Kanonuhwa, J. Chitombo, B. Rugayo, P. Kajese, S. Kowo, R. Lind.

### Board of Evangelism

M. J. Murphree, Chairman, J. Chidzikwe, Secretary, E. Mvududu, Mrs. Nemaungwe, E. Kuwana, Luke Chieza, E. Munjoma, Mrs. Chikosi, Mrs. T. Marange, D. Chikosi, O. Chimonyo, H. Chiremba, M. Hokonya, G. Rakabopa, L. Blomquist, D. Chipaumire, T. Katiyo, Mrs. E. Gwaku, P. Mabviza, E. Chimbganda, S. Tsopotsa, J. Tsiga, A. Katsande, R. C. Gates, H. Mafunde, V. Otto, T. Nyakunu, H. Anfinzen, E. Jangano, J. Kawadza, F. Kanye-re, S. Kanye-nze, Thomas Marange.



**2. Bible Schools for Women**

L. Tubbs, Chairman, Mrs. Culver, Secretary, M. Deyo, Mrs. Nyamukapa, Mrs. Munjoma, Mrs. Jangano, Mrs. Stine, Mrs. Muparutsa, Mrs. Choto, Mrs. T. Marange, Mrs. S. Chieza, Mrs. Chiriku, Mrs. Chitombo, Mrs. Hassing, Mrs. Chidzikwe, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Carr, Miss Larsen, Mrs. H. Waeni, Miss Ball.

**Board of Lay Activities**

Conference and District Lay Leaders, District Superintendents

**Board of Medical Activities**

M. Piburn, Chairman, E. Ashby, Secretary, D. Chikosi, P. Dube, C. Nutting, R. Lind, R. Hassing, O. Manyande, P. Gurupira, R. Hanson, W. Matambanadzo, P. W. Jones, Mrs. Chitombo, M. Johansson, Mr. Miller, N. Chigubu, E. Sweeney, J. Larsen, A. Whitney, M. Munjoma, E. L. Sells, S. Kanyenze

**Board of Ministerial Training, Qualifications and Relations**

E. J. Aeschliman, Chairman, O. Stine, Secretary, J. Nduna Registrar, M. E. Culver, A. Mansure, W. Bourgaize, M. Muparutsa, P. Hassing, T. Marange, S. Chieza, K. Choto, Luke Chieza, J. Chimbadzwa, L. Blomquist, M. J. Murphree.

**Board of Temperance**

N. Chigubu, Chairman, S. W. Munjoma, Secretary, M. Ball, H. Wildermuth, E. L. Sells, Mrs. Mansure, S. Munjoma, S. Chitiyo, O. Musingwini, F. Chipaumire, E. Matongo, P. Gosha, I. Ganyaupfu, Mrs. W. Mandisodza, J. Chingono, B. Reitz, B. Katsidzira, D. Mudzengerere, N. Chigubu, Mrs. Sherertz, T. Pedzeni, D. Chinogurei, E. Mukonde, P. Kajese, S. Chibywoneso, Mrs. Anfinen, M. Muparutsa, M. Muchanyerei, Mrs. Griffin, Z. Mukombiwa, S. Kasambira, A. Madoondo, A. Hlahla, D. Kumdliga, J. B. Jijita, Mrs. Blomquist, Z. Mundirera, P. Mabviza.

**Commission on Worship and Music**

Jonah Machiri, Chairman, E. Chieza, Secretary, M. Chiza, Mrs. R. C. Gates, S. Hervold, A. Kajese, J. Katsauware, Mrs. Murphree, Mrs. Sells, D. Sherertz, N. Ngonyama, I. Scovill, Mrs. Culver, Jasper Machiri, W. Marima, E. Munjoma, T. Pedzeni, N. Katsande, Mrs. Muzorewa, L. Mandizha, Mrs. Boucher, Mrs. Smalley.

**COMMITTEES**

**Committee on Auditing**

J. Nduna, Chairman, Mrs. Kinyon, Secretary, H. Anfinen, Jasper Machiri, W. Mandisodza, M. Chiza, M. Deyo, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Griffin, E. Jangano.

**Committee on Finance**

R. C. Gates, Chairman, I. Scovill, Secretary, A. Boucher, J. Chitombo, J. Nyamuriwa, E. Chimbanga, H. I. James, S. Kowo, B. Smalley, Mrs. Kinyon, E. Jangano, J. S. Wreford, A. Sibanda, H. Anfinson, E. Kuwana, G. Carr, T. Roberts, J. Maramba, N. Tsododo, H. Griffin, M. Deyo, N. Madzinga, T. Nyakunu.

**Committee on Interdenominational Relations**

P. Hassing, Chairman, T. Roberts, Secretary, H. Wildermuth, Titus Marange, M. J. Murphree, W. Marima, W. Bourgaize, C. Miller, J. Chimbadzwa, S. Chieza, L. Mandizha, E. L. Sells, J. Pfaff, D. Mandisodza, H. Griffin, S. King.

**Committee on Investigations**

M. J. Murphree, Chairman, T. Marange, M. Mparutsa, W. Bourgaize, J. Nduna.

**Committee on Memoirs**

Luke Chieza, Chairman, A. Boucher, Secretary, R. Ngonyama, E. Ashby, P. Machiri, J. Chidzikwe, Mrs. James, H. Katsidzira, Mrs. Mansure, Mrs. Choto, L. Tubbs, J. Tsiga.

**Committee on Nominations**

M. E. Culver, Chairman, A. Boucher, Secretary, M. J. Murphree, Mrs. Stine, J. Chitombo, W. Kinyon, J. Pfaff, J. Nduna, J. Kawadza, Mrs. Muparutsa, V. Otto, K. Choto. Mrs. T. Marange I. Musamba.  
Conference Secretary ex officio  
Bruce Smalley, Enoch Chieza.

**Committee on Programme**

The District Superintendent and Pastor (where the Conference is being entertained) and the Secretary of the Conference.

**Committee on Resolutions**

E. de Vries, Chairman, Mrs. Griffin, Secretary, F. Chingwende, S. Chidhondo, D. Makuto, P. Nyamukapa, Mrs. Muzorewa, Mrs. Piburn, Mrs. Carr, Philip Chieza, M. Taylor.

**Committee on Work in Urban Areas**

E. J. Aeschliman, Chairman, M. Ball, Secretary, H. F. Marange, E. L. Sells, Mrs. Aeschliman, S. Chieza, J. Chimbadzwa, W. Chieza, Jasper Machiri, J. Chidzikwe, H. Mafunga, J. Nemaungwe, E. de Vries, A. Kajese, Mrs. Gwaku, J. Chatema, E. Nyamuriwa, D. Chikosi, J. S. Wreford, C. Miller, E. Chieza, A. Muzorewa, Mrs. Gates, D. Mushapaidze

**Committee on Student Loans and Scholarships**

E. Chieza, Chairman, L. Pfaff, Conference Treasurer, J. Rugayo, O. Musingwini, J. Pfaff, E. Parks, F. Hackler,

## B. SOCIETIES AND COUNCILS

### African Christian Convention

Northern Section: Chairman, Rev. J. T. Chiotombo,  
 Vice Chairman, Rev. J. S. Makuto,  
 Secretary, Rev. D. Mushapaidzi  
 Vice Secretary, Mr. T. Mutemi  
 Treasurer, Rev. W. Mandisodza  
 Advisory Members: Miss S. King  
 M. J. Murphree

Southern Section: Chairman, Rev. P. Machiri  
 Vice Chairman, Rev. M. Mparutsa  
 Secretary, Rev. R. M. Chiza  
 Assist Secretary, A. Muzorewa  
 Treasurer, J. G. Nduna  
 Advisory Members: Rev. E. J. Aeschliman  
 Miss Marcia Ball  
 Members: E. Chieza, P. Dube, R. Karambidza

### African Missionary Society:—Ngariende

#### Executive Committee:

Chairman: J. Kawadza  
 Vice Chairman: Rev. J. Chitombo  
 Secretary: S. Kowo  
 Vice Secretary: L. Mandizha  
 Treasurer: Rev. J. Chidzikwe

### Additional

Cleopas Madzimbamuto	Joseph Makuto
William Maibaya	John Masosonore
Solomon Pawiramanzi	Rev. Enoch Munjoma
Enoch Chieza	Timothy Nyakunu

### Rukwadzano Rwewadzimai

Northern Section: Chairwoman: Mrs. S. Chieza  
 Vice " Mrs. A. Kajese  
 Secretary: Mrs. J. Chitombo  
 Assistant: Mrs. K. Choto  
 Treasurer:

Southern Section: Chairwoman: Mrs. T. Maranke  
 Vice " Mrs. P. Machiri  
 Secretary: Mrs. M. Mparutsa  
 Assistant: Mrs. W. Mandisodza  
 Treasurer: Mrs. E. Jangano

**Methodist Historical Society**

President, Rev H. I. James

Vice President Rev. Titus Maranke, Rev. G. A. Roberts,  
Secretary / Archivist, Rev. E. Sells

Members of the Committee: P. Hassing

J. Chimbadzwa, O. Musingwini, and Miss M. Deyo

**Methodist Council:** (In co-operation with the Synod)

The District Superintendents, H. I. James, (St. Andrew's Church), J. Chimbadzwa, M. Deyo, M. J. Murphree, P. Hassing, M. E. Culver, A. Muzorewa.

**Methodist Youth Council:** (In co-operation with the Methodist Synod) (Chairman), R. Cleminson, Secretary / Treasurer St. Andrew's Youth Guild**Southern Rhodesia Christian Conference**

Voting Delegates; To be elected,

Member of the Executive Committee: M. J. Murphree  
(elected by the S. R. C. C. for 1954 / 56)

**C. INFORMATION NOTED FOR RECORD****The Field Committee**

Division of World Missions

K. Eriksson E. L. Sells, O. Stine, M. E. Culver, W. Kinyon, Field Treasurer, Alternates: M. J. Murphree, K. Harper, H. Griffin,

Women's Division of Christian Service

S. N. King, M. Deyo, J. Pfaff, L. Tubbs, I. Scovill Alternates; E. de Vries G. Otto, A. Whitney,

**African**

I. Musamba, E. Chieza, J. Nduna, J. Chitombo, M. Wakatama, K. Choto, Mrs. E. Zimonte, Mrs. M. Mparutsa, Miss Nancy Ngonyama, Mrs. J. Chitombo, Mrs. K. Choto Alternates: M. Chiza, S. Tsopotsa, J. Kawadza, Miss Chitakatira, Mrs. Period Dube,

This Committee was elected at the Conference held at Old Umtali in August, 1952. The Officers of the Field Committee are, Chairman, E. L. Sells, in his absence M. J. Murphree, Secretary Miss S. N. King.

The Missionary members of the Field Committee are the members of the Missionary Committee: The Officers of the Missionary Committee are, M. E. Culver Chairman, Miss M. Deyo, Secretary.

**Joint Field Treasurer, Per Hassing**

**Missionary Correspondents, Miss S. N. King, and Per Hassing**



**COMMITTEES****Auditing**

Chm. M. Deyo, Secretary H. F. Anfinson, E. Chieza, P. Hassing

Assistants: E. Roberts, I. Scovill, J. Carr, C. Miller.

**Building**

H. I. James Chairman, Southern Section: L. Blomquist, T. Roberts, P. Maenzanise. H. Griffin, Sec. E. Chieza, M. Deyo, E. Parks. The Northern Section is composed of W. Bourgaize Chairman, Messers Smalley, Piburn, Chirimumbi, Stine, and Boucher, Miss King, Miss Ashby, S. Chibanda, G. Carr (Sec.)

**Medical:** Dr. Piburn, Dr. Nutting, Misses Ashby, and de Vries, Mrs. Chitombo, Miss Whitney, Miss Hanson M. Munjoma and E. J. Aeschliman.

**Greeley Property:** M. J. Murphree, P. Hassing, H. I. James and the African Pastor at Umtali.

**Land and Leases:** P. Hassing, T. Roberts, I. Scovill.

**Student Scholarships:** As a Committee of the Field Committee, this Committee deals with Scholarships and the funds for them. O. Stine, M. Deyo, E. Chieza, I. Musamba, and N. Ngonyama (Sec.)

**African Girls Hostel Umtali:** H. I. James, Chairman, Mrs. Blackbeard, Secretary, Evelyn de Vries, M. Deyo, Mrs. A. L. Luke, Mrs. Cleminson, H. Wildermuth, J. Chimbadzwa, Mrs. H. Malianga.

**Agricultural - Rural Work:** Messers Kinyon, Carr, Smalley, Griffin, Arnold Chimbanga, Bourgaize, Sibanda. Dube and Miss Tubbs.

All Professional agriculturalists - African and Missionary; others in charge of agric. phases of agric. Mission program. Ex officio Ch. Field C. and Field Treas. Ch. N. Sec. B. Smalley, S. Sec. L. Blomquist.

**Literature**

M. Culver, L. Tubbs, B. Reitz, E. L. Sells, P. Hassing.

**Evangelical Association:** E. Roberts

**D. CONFERENCE ROLL****MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE****(1) Retired Ministers**

1927 p Chieza, Philip P.O. Box 16, Inyazura

1933 Chimonyo, Obadaih,

1907 p James, H. I., 8 Love Road, Umtali

1924 p Katsidzira, Benjamin, P. B. 214 M, Umtali

1923 p Marange, Thomas, Mt. Makomwe, P. O, Odzi

- 1921 Mandisodza, David, P. O. Watsomba
- 1926 p Mukombiwa, Zachariah, P. O. Mrewa
- 1925 Ngonyama, Reginald, P. B. P 24, Umtali
- 1910 O'Farrell, T. A., 417 Kitchel Avenue, Pana, Illinois
- 1921 p Roberts, G. A., P. O. Mutambara

(2) Effective Ministers

- 1916 p Aeschliman, E. J., 3 Dawson Street, Umtali
- 1923 Adkins, L. E. (Missionary to another Society)
- 1953 p Aldrich, Sylvia, P. B. P 24, Umtali
- 1948 p Anfinson, H. F., P. B. P 24, Umtali
- 1953 p Ball, Marcia, African Girls' Hostel, Umtali
- 1940 p Blomquist, L. G., P. O. Mutambara
- 1939 Boucher, A. R., P. O. Mrewa
- 1921 p Bourgaize, W., P. O. Mtoko
- 1948 p Chidzikwe, Josiah, P. O. Mrewa
- 1934 p Chieza, Luke, Nyakatsapa, P. O. Watsomba
- 1927 p Chieza, Samuel, 1233 S/D Harare Township, Salisbury
- 1942 p Chigubu, Nason, P.B. 636 E, Salisbury
- 1926 p Chimbadzwa, Josiah, Hill Cottage, Stevens, Sakubva, Umtali
- 1933 p Chitombo, Jonah, P. B. 636 E, Salisbury
- 1952 p Chiza, Martin, P. B. P 24, Umtali
- 1948 p Choto, Kenneth, P. O. Headlands
- 1943 p Culver, M. E. P. B. P 24, Umtali
- 1943 Eriksson, K. E., P. O. Mutambara
- 1930 Fuller, C. E., (on furlough)
- 1923 Gates, R. C., P. O. Box 444, Umtali
- 1948 p Griffin, H. D., P. O. Watsomba
- 1952 p Gurupira, Philemon, P. O. Box 16, Inyazura
- 1948 Harper, Kenneth, (on furlough)
- 1937 p Hassing, Per, P. B. P 24, Umtali
- 1948 p Jangano, Elia, P. O. Mutambara
- 1953 p Jijita, John, P. B. 636 E, Salisbury
- 1942 p Kajese, Amon, P. B. 636 E, Salisbury
- 1932 p Kasambira, Silas, P. B. C, 322, Umtali
- 1930 p Katsidzira, Hosea, P. O. Mrewa
- 1953 p Kawadza, Jonah, P. O. Mrewa
- 1953 p Kowo, Simon, P. O. Mtoko
- 1948 Leiknes, A., (on furlough)
- 1933 p Machiri, Jonah, P. B. P 24, Umtali

- 1930 p Machiri, Patrick, P. O. Box 56, Rusape  
 1953 p Madzinga, Nason, P. O. Mtukwa  
 1948 p Makuto, Daniel, P. O. Mtoko  
 1942 p Mandisodza, Wilson, P. O. Mrewa  
 1940 Mansure, A. L., (on furlough)  
 1930 p Maramba, Johnson, Ngaite, P. B. 377 Umtali  
 1924 p Marange, Titus, P. O. Mutambara  
 1951 p Miller, C. M., P. O. Mrewa  
 1928 p Muparutsa, Moses, Mt. Makomwe P. O. Odzi  
 1930 p Munjoma, Enoch, P. B. 214 M, Umtali  
 1942 p Munjoma, Samuel, P. O. Box 3, Odzi  
 1917 p Murphree, M. J., Box 196, Rusape  
 1953 p Mushapaidzi, Davison, P. O. Headlands  
 1942 p Musingwini, Obadiah, P. O. Box 9, Inyazura  
 1953 p Muzorewa, Abel, Box 196, Rusape  
 1928 Nduna, John, Gilmerton Halt, 309 C, Umtali  
 1953 p Nemaungwe, John, 81 Chisamba, Sakubva  
 Umtali  
 1948 p Nyamukapa, Patron, P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 1930 p Rugayo, Jackson, P. B. 317 C, Umtali  
 1921 Sells, E. L., P. O. Mrewa  
 1943 Stine, O. A., (on furlough)

# PROBATIONERS

- 1953 Chikosi, Davison, P. B. 309 C, Umtali  
 1955 p Chimblanda, Elijah, P. O. Mtoko  
 1954 p Dikanifuwa, Nason, P. B. 636 E, Salisbury  
 1955 p Katsande, Alfred, Stapleford Forest P. O.  
 Penhalonga  
 1953 p Kuwana, Elisha, P. O. Headlands  
 1955 p Matongo, Ezekiel, Mt. Makomwe P. O. Odzi  
 1954 Murphree, M. W., P. O. Mrewa  
 1953 Otto, Grace, (on furlough)  
 1953 Otto, Vivian, (on furlough)  
 1954 p Zuze, Solomon, P. O. Mtoko

# OTHER MISSIONARIES OF DIVISION OF WORLD MISSIONS

## (1) Retired.

- 1907 Gates, Mrs. H. L., Pickering, Ontario, Canada  
 1912 p James, Mrs. H. I., 8 Love Rd. Umtali  
 1910 O'Farrell, Mrs. T. A., 417 Kitchel Avenue, Pana  
 Illinois

- 1910 Roberts, Mrs. G. A., P. O. Mutambara  
 1919 Taylor, Rev. H. E., 150 5th Ave. N. Y. (11) N. Y.  
 1919 Taylor, Mrs. H.E., 150 5th Ave. N.Y. (11) N. Y.

## (2) Effective

- 1952 p Aeschliman, Mrs. E. J., 3 Dawson Street, Umtali  
 1951 p Anfinen, Mrs. H. F., P. B., P 24, Umtali  
 1947 p Blomquist, Mrs. L. G. P. O. Mutambara  
 1950 Boucher, Mrs. A. R., P. O. Mrewa  
 1952 p Carr, Galen M., P. B. 636 E, Salisbury  
 1952 p Carr, Mrs. G. M., P. B. 636 E, Salisbury  
 1944 p Culver, Mrs. M. E., P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 1949 Erikson, Mrs. K. E., P. O. Mutambara  
 1922 Gates, Mrs. R. C. P. O. Box 444, Umtali  
 1951 p Griffin, H. D., P. O. Watsomba  
 1926 p Hanson Miss R. E., P. O. Mutambara  
 1954 Harmon Roger (on furlough)  
 1949 Harper, Mrs. K., (on furlough)  
 1941 p Hassing, Mrs. P., P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 1949 Higgs, B. A., P. O. Mtoko  
 1949 Higgs, Mrs. B. A., P. O. Mtoko  
 1950 Jansen, I. W., (on furlough)  
 1950 Jansen, Mrs. I. W., (on furlough)  
 1951 Johnson, Morgan, (on furlough)  
 1950 Kinyou, W., (on furlough)  
 1950 Kinyon, Mrs. W., (on furlough)  
 1955 p Manbeck, D. M., P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 1950 Mansure A. L., (on furlough)  
 1953 p Miller, Mrs. C. M., P. O. Mrewa  
 1920 p Murphree, Mrs. M. J., Box 196, Rusape  
 1955 Murphree, Mrs. M. W., P. O. Mrewa  
 1953 p Piburn, Dr. M., P. B. 636 E, Salisbury  
 1953 p Piburn, Mrs. M., P. B. 636 E, Salisbury  
 1941 p Roberts, Tudor, R., P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 1946 p Roberts, Mrs. T. R., P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 1929 Sells, Mrs. E. L., P. O. Mrewa  
 1952 p Sherertz, D. L., P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 1952 p Sherertz, Mrs. D. L., P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 1952 p Smalley, Bruce, P. B. 636 E, Salisbury  
 1952 p Smalley, B., P. B. 636 E, Salisbury  
 1950 Stine, Mrs. O. A., (on furlough)



WOMEN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

(1) Retired

- 1912 Clark, Miss Grace, 150 Fifth Ave., (11) N. Y.  
 1915 Hess, Stella, 1225 W. Michigan Ave, Lansing 15 Mich.  
 1920 Parmenter, Miss Ona, Glendora, California.  
 1917 Quinton, Frances, 1015 E. Main St, Crawfordville, Ind.

(2) Effective

- 1945 p Ashby, Elma, P. B. 636 E, Salisbury  
 1939 p Deyo, Marguerite, P. O. Mutambara  
 1944 p De Vries, Evelyn, African Girls' Hostel, Umtali  
 1951 Emmert, Helen, (on furlough)  
 1947 p Hacler, Frances, P. B. 636 E, Salisbury  
 1947 p Hervold, Signhild P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 1955 Hickok, Dorothy, P. O. Mutambara  
 1947 p Johansson, Margit, P. B. 636 E, Salisbury  
 1950 Jones, Mrs. Pearl Willis, (on furlough)  
 1923 p King, Sarah, P. B. 636 E, Salisbury  
 1954 p Larsen, Jenny, P. B. 636 E, Salisbury  
 1954 p Lind, Ruth, P. O. Mutambara  
 1952 p Nutting, Dr. Clara P. B. 636 E, Salisbury  
 1938 p Parks, Edith, P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 1929 Pfaff, Jessie, P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 1938 p Pfaff, Lois, P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 1950 Priest, Virginia, (on furlough)  
 1922 p Reitz, Beulah, P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 1952 Russel, Esther, (on furlough)  
 1955 p Sawyer, Mildred, P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 1925 p Seovill, Ila, P. O. Mutambara  
 1951 Sweeney Ellen, (on furlough)  
 1947 p Taylor, Mildred, P. B. 636 E, Salisbury  
 1918 p Tubbs, Lulu, P. O. Mutambara  
 1931 p Whitney, Alice, P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 1944 p Wildermuth, Helen, P. B. P 24, Umtali

SPECIAL WORKERS

- p Henry Ferreira, P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 p Forest, Miss L. M., P. O. Mtoko  
 p Gazeley, Mrs. W., P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 Mrs. Marshall, P. B. P 24, Umtali  
 Mrs. Nuttal, P. B. 24, Umtali  
 p West, T. J. C., P. B. P 24, Umtali

**DELEGATES :**

Honde District: p Solomon Kanyenze  
 Mrewa District: p Lazarus Mandizha, p Joseph Makuto.  
 p Timothy Mutemi, p Aaron Madzimba-  
 muto, p Simon Mandizha, p Josiah Zha-  
 kata, p Edson Shawe.

Mtasa-Makoni

Disriett: p Timothy Nyakunu p Matthew Mucanyere-  
 yi, p W. F. Marima, p Gladman Jangano  
 p S. Chidzere,

Maranke-Chi-

duku District: p Jona Dangirwa, p K. Mhandu  
 Mtoko Dist: p Henry Mafunga; p Zachariah Magunde,  
 p David Mudzengere.

Mutambara

Dist.: p Period Dube, p Joseph Nyamurowa,  
 p Aaron Kutseza, p O. Mutezo, p T. Pe-  
 dzeni, p Evison Mufute

Nyadiri Dist.: p Conrad Manyande, p Anderson Rusike,  
 p Philemon Kajese, p Evison Mutanga  
 Salisbury: p Josiah Makande

Umtali Hill

Top Church: p Cuthbert Tsododo

St. Andrew's: p J. S. Wreford

Lay Leader: p Enoch Chieza

District Lay Leaders:

Honde: L. Kasambira

Mrewa: p W. Chieza

Mtoko: p H. Mafunga

Mtasa-

Makoni: R. Jangano

Mutambara: E. Chiwadzwa

Nyadiri: p J. Tsiga

Umtali: Jasper Machiri

**Approved Supply Pastors**

Henry Mafunga, p  
 Enoch Makuto,  
 Isaiah Tsopotsa,  
 Moses Hunidzarira p,  
 Jonah Dangirwa,

Nicolas Muswe,  
 Julius Kazingizi,  
 Jotham Risinamodzi p,  
 Peter Kanonhuhwa p,  
 Silas Chitiyo p,

Joseph Makuto, p  
Gilbert Rakabopa p,  
Joshua Chirikuutsi,  
Lennert Kasambira,  
Joshua Mutsago,  
Daniel Chitenderu

Joel Gwara,  
Philemon Mazaiwana,  
D. M. Katsidzira,  
Philemon Dube p,  
Paul Mabviza p,

### PART III DAILY PROCEEDINGS

#### MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**First Day, Sunday, August 14th, 1955**

The Seventeenth Session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of the Methodist Church convened at Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia on Sunday, August 14th, 1955.

Sunday, 14th August, 1955. Ehnes Memorial Church 8:a.m.  
**SPRITUAL RETREAT:** Theme, 'Victorious Christianity.' Opening Hymn, Ngoma 61 "Kudzai Jehova." Devotion and presentation of the theme were given by Rev. M. E. Culver. The Bible Study Sermon was by Dr. Harold DeWolf of Boston University. A mimeographed copy has been distributed to all members and delegates of the conference

The Members of the conference were divided into 7 groups for study and discussion of two questions: 1. How the Church compares with its enemy. 2. How much the Bible talks about evil and righteousness, and how much our thinking is in keeping with the Bible.

Reports were given from each group and a song sung by each group.

#### **WORSHIP SERVICE 11 00 a. m.**

Hymn 102 was sung from the Ngoma. Bishop Hagen from the Scandinavian Area was introduced by Bishop Booth, and then he led in prayer. The quartet from the Miller Memorial (Hill-top) Church sang, "Drifting from the Shore." Testmonies were given by Rev. Chidzikwe and Rev. Nyamukapa. Bishop Booth gave the message on "Thanks be to God who giveth us the Victory."

**SERVICE OF DEDICATION:** Hartzell Theological Seminary The Hunter Building and all related buildings. Prayers and responses were read and Bishop Booth declared the buildings open.

**THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY GRADUATION:**

The Miller Memorial Church choir sang; the scripture lessons were read by Rev. J. Chimbadzwa and Rev. Aeschliman. Addresses on the theme, "The Vision of a Trained Ministry" were given by Bishop Hagen, Dr. M.J. Murphree, and Bishop N. S. Booth. Mr. E. Matongo gave the message from the Class. Certificates were presented to Mr. E. Matongo, Mr. A. Katsande, and Mr. E. Chimbanga, by Rev. M. E. Culver.

**COMMUNION SERVICE:**

Hymn number 1 from the Ngoma was sung, "Mpswene, Mpswene, Mpswene." Bishop Booth spoke on the theme, "I want to be a Christian in my Heart." He was assisted by several ministers, and Bishop Hagen who gave the devotional messages after each serving of the Communion.

**Second Day, Monday, August 15th, 1955**

Devotions, 8:30 a. m. were conducted by Bishop Hagen. Hymn No. 91 from the Methodist Hymnal was sung, and a prayer was given by Rev. M. Chiza. The Text used was, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you." A male sextette sang a hymn, "When you know my Jesus too."

The Board of Education and the Board of Evangelism met throughout the day as a Board and in Committees. In the evening the assigned Committees met. From 9 - 9:30 p. m. Dr. DeWolf led the Conference in devotions on the theme of Communicating the Gospel.

**Third Day, Tuesday, August 16th 1955**

Conference was convened at 8:30 a.m. in the Ehnes Memorial Church at Old Umtali by Bishop Odd Hagen of the Scandinavian Area, who led the morning devotions, continuing on theme, "Seeking and Finding." Hymn No. 121, "Faith of our Father's" was sung.

Bishop N. S. Booth welcomed Bishop and Mrs. Hagen to our Conference and according to arrangement by the Council of Bishops, asked Bishop Hagen to preside over the Annual Conference.

Bishop Hagen expressed his gratitude for the privilege and opportunity that had been given to him.

**ROLL CALL;** The Secretary called the Roll. The Members, Missionaries, Accepted Supply Pastors, and Lay Delegates pre-

sent are marked "p" on the Conference roll. The following members were excused, Rev. A. Boucher, Rev. O. Chimonyo, and Rev. J. Nduna.

#### INTRODUCTIONS, PRESENTATION AND GREETINGS:

Bishop Booth introduced Mrs. Hagen to the Conference. The new Missionaries who had arrived since last Conference were introduced and spoke briefly: Miss M. Sawyer, Miss J. Larsen, Miss R. Lind, Mr. D. M. Manbeck. R. Harmon was reported to be recovering from a road accident.

The following returned Missionaries were also presented to the Conference and spoke briefly, Miss M. Johansson, Miss R. Hanson, Miss I. Scovill, Miss S. Hervold, Miss A. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. P. Hassing.

Bishop Hagen introduced Mrs. Booth and Miss Charlotte Taylor, Bishop Booth's Secretary, to the Conference.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold DeWolf, professor of Theology at Boston University, was introduced to the Conference and spoke briefly and read a letter of Greetings from the New - England, Southern Conference, of which he is a member, and it was the Conference of Bishop Booth when he first came out to Africa. Rev. and Mrs. R. Cleminson of St. Andrew's Church, Umtali, were introduced, and Rev. and Mrs. Meacham of Umtali who will be helping in the Mutambara District, and Miss deKok, who formerly taught at Mrewa Mission were also introduced.

**FRATERNAL DELEGATES:** Bishop Booth introduced Rev. H. Jesse Lawrence, Chairman of the Methodist Synod, to the Conference. He spoke briefly and introduced the other delegates to the Conference, Rev. E. M. Mapondera, Rev. H. H. Morley Wright, and Rev. F. B. Rea. Mrs. J. Braithwait was unable to attend.

**INTERPRETERS:** Rev. J. Chimbadzwa and Rev. M. Chiza were elected to be the interpreters for the Conference.

#### REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

Rev. H. Griffin presented the report of the Committee. On motion the printed program was made the official program of the Conference, subject to such alterations as may be required.

**BAR OF THE CONFERENCE:** The first twelve seats on each side of the Church were fixed as the bar of the Conference. The



Ministerial members to sit on the right side and the Lay delegates on the left.

The prayer of Dismissal was given by Bishop Booth. This was followed by Recess. Hymn No. 60 was sung to open the continuing session.

Greetings were read from the following. Mr. and Mrs. Wakatama, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. M.W. Murphree, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Stine, Mr. and Mrs. A. Leiknes, Mr. and Mrs. I. Jansen, Miss J. Pfaff, Misses Vivian and Grace Otto, Mr. and Mrs. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sells, Mr. and Mrs. John Wreford, Mr. Makhema, Miss Ruth Lawrence, Secretary for Women's Division for Africa, Dr. Ralph Dodge, DWM Secretary, and Bishop Ensley, from Iowa. New Missionaries soon to be with us are Miss Dorothy Hickok, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Matzikeit. Mr. Elisha Mtasa, who is studying in England and Mr. and Mrs. Thacker in America also sent Greetings.

It was voted to send Greetings to all of these and also to Bishop Springer and Mrs. E.S. Johnson and Mrs. J. Braithwaite. Mr. and Mrs. W. Kinyon.

Bishop Hagen brought Greetings from the Conferences in Scandinavia and read a letter of Greeting from the Stockholm Area.

**DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE:** It was agreed that there should be one African delegate and one Missionary delegate. It was further agreed that the Ministerial delegate be an African and the Lay delegate a Missionary. This was voted to give the Nominations Committee the thought of the Conference.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:** The names of Mr. Bruce Smalley and Mr. Enoch Chieza were added to this Committee as several members are on furlough.

**COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE MINUTES:** Mr. J.S. Wreford and Rev. H. I. James, and the Secretarial staff were named to examine the minutes from day to day.

**COMPOSITE REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENTS:** This report was written and read by Rev. H. D. Griffin, and received by the Conference.

**DEVOTIONS:** Rev. H. Jesse Lawrence conducted the devotions. Miss Nancy Ngonyama sang, "Be Still My Soul." The Text was "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

**Tuesday Evening:** Bishops' reception was held in the Beit Hall at 7. 00 p. m. and the programme given to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the coming of the Miss E. Bjorklund, the first missionary from Scandinavia in our work. At 9.00 p. m. Dr. DeWolf led the Conference in devotions. Ngoma No. 29. Dr. DeWolf's theme was "The prophet Elijah and the still, small voice of God."

**Fourth Day, Wednesday August 17, 1955**

Conference was called to order at 8.30 a. m. and Bishop Hagen led the devotions. Hymn No. 116. Text: 1 Cor. 15:1-11. "Ours is the responsibility to carry the Good News to the next person." A male quartett gave one number. Bishop Booth suggested that reports distributed in English be read in Chimanyika only to save time.

**Report of The African Christian Convention:** Rev. Chiza read the report of the African Christian Convension, Southern Section. No. 8 was adopted by the Conference. No. 9 was referred to Building Committee of the Field Committee with the request that it extend it to include plans and estimates for church and parsonage in the rural areas. The officers elected were confirmed by the Conference. The rest of the report was referred to various Boards and Committees.

Rev. D. Muchapaidze read the report of the African Christian Convention, Northern Section. The officers elected were confirmed. It was referred to various Boards and Committees.

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS** was instructed to bring in suggestions for three committees.

1. To deal with memorials to General and Central Conference.
2. Calendar Committee
3. Committee to study wedding practices among African Christians.

**THE REPORT OF THE METHODIST COUNCIL:** was referred to the Committee on Interdenominational Relations.

**Report of The Conference Treasurer:** In the absence of the Conference treasurer, Rev. A. R. Boucher, the Secretary read the report of the Conference Treasurer, which was adopted.

**Recess**

After Recess Mr. Culver introduced the new edition of the Ngoma which was greatly welcomed by the Conference and words of appreciation were spoken of the great work accomplished by Mrs. M. J. Murphree.

**ELECTION OF DELEGATES OF GENERAL AND CENTRAL CONFERENCE.**

Tellers chosen E. Chieza, S. King, C. Miller, L. Chieza. The Committee of Nominations gave its report. One extra nomination was made from the floor. Bishop Booth explained about the Bar of the Conference and who were entitled to vote and of the importance of careful voting.

First ballot for General Conference was taken. Tellers reported: no election.

**Rukwadzano Rwe Wadzimai:** Mrs. Muparutsa gave the report of the Southern Section.

**Devotions:** Rev. F. B. Rea, fraternal delegate from the Methodist Synod, led in the closing devotions. Solo by S. Hervold: "I stand amazed." Conference went into recess at 12:25 p. m.

**Evening Devotions:** At 9:00 p. m. Dr. DeWolf led the Conference in devotions and spoke on "Moses and the burning bush."

**Fifth Day, Thursday, August 18, 1955**

Conference was convened at 8.30 a. m. by Bishop Hagen who led the devotions. Hymn No. 227. Text: John 1.1-5. "We have a history, we have a message, but we also have an experience." The male quartette sang.

A second ballot for delegates to General Conference was taken. Rukwadzano; Mrs. Muparutsa completed the reading of the report of the Southern Section. The report was received.

**Interdenominational Relations:** Mr. T. Roberts read the report of the Committee and items numbered 1 and 2 were adopted.



**St. Andrew's Church;** Bishop Booth invited Rev. F. B. Rea and Rev. H. J. Lawrence to make a statement on the proposed projects of co-operation and on St. Andrew's Church, Umtali.

Conference convened at 10. 30 after recess by singing Hymn numbered 101.

**Delegates:** Bishop Hagen reported that there was no election of a delegate to General Conference so a third ballot was taken. Mrs. O. A. Stine was elected Lay Delegate to General Conference. A fourth ballot was taken.

**Interdenominational Relations:** The discussion of the report of the Committee was continued. Number 3 of the report was then voted upon and adopted.

**Board of Ministerial Training:** The board was instructed to bring five names for the proposed committee agreed to in No. 3 of the Report of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations.

**Delegates:** Samuel Chieza was elected Ministerial Delegate to General Conference and Mrs. R. C. Gates was elected Lay Reserve Delegate to General Conference.

Question 15 was answered.

**First Woman Admitted to Full Membership:** Miss Sylvia E. Aldrich was called forward and greeted by the two bishops. Bishop Booth announced a moment of historical importance Miss Aldrich being the first woman ever to be admitted into full membership in an Annual Conference. Immediately afterwards Marcia Ball, a second woman, was admitted into the full membership of Conference.

**Delegates:** Bishop Booth then informed the Conference that seven lay and seven ministerial delegates could be elected to the Central Conference and explained the disciplinary procedure for the election.

It was decided by vote of the Conference to elect 4 lay missionaries and 3 lay Africans and 3 ministerial missionaries and 4 ministerial Africans as delegates to the Central Conference. The election was then resumed.

Conference voted to convene again at 2. 00 p. m.

Conference was called to order again at 2. 00 p. m. by Bishop

Hagen. Hymn Numbered 70 was sung. Rev. M. Chiza led in prayer.

**Delegates:** Bishop Hagen announced that there was no election of lay delegates to Central Conference, but the Rev. J. Chitombo and Rev. P. Hassing had sufficient votes and were elected. Rev. J. Chitombo becomes Reserve Ministerial Delegate to General Conference.

**Interdenominational Relations:** Item No. 4 was postponed and No. 5 adopted.

A new ballot was taken.

**RUKWADZANO:** The report from the Northern Section was read by Mrs. J. Chitombo. The report was received.

**Delegates;** M. Deyo and S. King and E. Chieza received sufficient votes and were elected Lay Delegates to the Central Conference. K. Choto had enough votes and was elected Ministerial Delegate.

It was agreed to elect 3 reserves in each group and that the 3 persons with the highest number of votes on the final ballot should be chosen.

On the third ballot; J. Chidzikwe, M. E. Culver, and M. J. Murphree were elected ministerial delegates and C. Manyande and Mrs. K. Choto were elected lay delegates to the Central Conference.

The complete List is as follows;

MINISTERIAL		LAY	
African;	S. Chieza J. Chitombo K. Choto J. Chidzikwe	African:	E. Chieza C. Manyande Mrs. K. Choto
Reserve:	J. Chimbadzwa P. Nyamukapa P. Machiri	Reserve:	P. Dube Mrs. J. Chitombo Mrs. M. Muparutsa
Missionary:	P. Hassing M. E. Culver M. J. Murphree	Missionaries:	Mrs. O. A. Stine Mrs. R.C. Gates Miss S. King Miss M. Deyo
Reserve:	J. E. Aeschliman R. C. Gates K. E. Eriksson	Reserve:	Mr. T. Roberts Mr. B. Smalley Mrs. M. E. Culver

**GUESTS:** Mr. Culver introduced Mr. P. Beven, Rev. and Mrs. Booth of the British and Foreign Bible Society to the Conference. Mr. Bevan spoke briefly and Rev. Booth pronounced the benediction.

Conference went into recess at 3. 20 p. m.

**Thursday Evening:** Devotions were led by Dr. DeWolf at 9:00 p. m. Ngoma 1. His theme for the evening was "Jeremiah and his meeting with the Holy God."

**Sixth Day, Friday, August 19, 1955**

Conference was called to order at 8:30 A. M. Hymn 120. Bishop Hagen led in devotions with the theme, "We have a testimony." A sextette sang, "The Lord is My Shepherd." Rev. Booth, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, greeted the Conference and spoke of his work of getting the Bible into the hands of the people.

Bishop Booth nominated the following committee for three purposes:

1. To meet Mr. Bevan and Rev. Booth
2. To select a nominee to work with Rev. Jackson in the revision of the Shona Bible.
3. A continuing committee to work on the Bible and literature.

J. Muskwe	Luke Chieza	B. Reitz, convener
P. Nyamukapa	Nancy Ngonyama	Mr. Murphree
I. Scovill	Abel Muzorewa	Mrs. Griffin
D. Mudzengerere	Mrs. Muparutsa	Mrs. Culver
K. Choto	J. Rugayo	Miss Taylor
G. Kapenzi		

It was agreed that this committee was to meet at tea-time and elect a standing committee to carry on the work.

**Committee on Journal:** Mr. Wreford presented the report which with four changes was adopted.

**Report of the Wabvuwi:**

Mr. E. Chieza read the report of the Southern Section. The officers were confirmed and the report was received.

Mr. W. Chieza read the report of the Northern Section. The officers elected were confirmed by the Conference and the report was adopted.

**Historical Society:** Rev. Musingwini read the report of the Historical Society which was taken item by item and the whole report was received.

**Board of Evangelism:** Rev. J. Chidzikwe read the report of the Board of Evangelism. With alterations the report was adopted.

Bishop Booth presented a new flag to Headlands' Circuit who had the best attendance at this year's Woman's Bible Schools. Mrs. Nuttal of the Old Umtali Secondary School was introduced to the Conference by Bishop Hagen.

**Recess**

Conference was called to order. Hymn 81

Rev. F. Meacham spoke on behalf of the work of the Evangelical Association working in Portuguese East Africa and the offering to be taken on World Communion Sunday for this purpose.

Mr. Boucher being sick was excused from attending this session of Conference.

Rev. Kowo read the report of the Ngariende (African Missionary Society). Officers as printed in Conference minutes of 1954, p. 189 were confirmed. After some profitable discussion the report was received.

**Board of Education:** Samuel Muzulu read the Report of Board of Education. The Section of the Director of Religious Education was received. The Section on the Committee of Religious Education was received and adopted. The Section on Curriculum was received and adopted. Section on Schools-No. 1 was referred to the Field Committee, No. 2 and 3 adopted.

**Devotion:** Solo by M. E. Culver "I would rather have Jesu." Devotions were led by Rev. R. Cleminson. He spoke from St. John's Gospel — "Do you love me?" Conference went into recess at 12:45.

**Friday Afternoon:**

Conference was called to order at 4:00 P.M. with Bishop Booth presiding. Ngoma 29. Philip Chieza led in prayer.

**NEW MISSIONARY:** Bishop Booth introduced Roger Harmon and expressed the gratitude of the Conference for his



recovery.

Roger Harmon expressed his joy in being at his first Conference and hoped that he in the future would have another opportunity to attend a Conference at Old Umtati.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** reported on its work.

**COMMITTEE on MEMORIALS** to General and Central Conference.

S. Chieza	Mrs. Stine
J. Chitombo	M. Deyo
P. Hassing	S. King
M. Culver	E. Chieza
	C. Manyande

**CALENDAR COMMITTEE:** M. Deyo, J. Rugayo to carry through next Conference.

Due to the difficulties of the representatives of the two sections of the Christian Convention meeting during the year we recommend that the officers and missionary advisor of each section draw up resolutions for discussions on wedding ceremonies for discussion at the next annual convention and these be coordinated and presented to the next annual Conference. Report was adopted.

**REPORT OF EDUCATION** continued to be read by Samuel Muzulu.

Section on Home and Community Life was adopted after certain changes had been agreed upon, and it was agreed to have Dr. Nutting write a statement as she gave orally to the Conference. Arrangements were made for the meeting of committees that had not yet met.

The Conference went into recess at 6:00 P. M.

**Evening Devotions:** At 9:00 Dr. DeWolf led the Conference in devotions and spoke on the theme "Forgive them that trespass against us."

**Seventh Day, Saturday, August 20, 1955.**

Conference was called to order at 8:30 A. M. by Bishop Hagen who led in devotions. Hymn No. 50 was sung and he took his text from Phillipians 2:5-12. "The messenger as standing between the past and the present interpreting the past sacred events to the present generation." A male sextett sang, "Shall I Crucify My Saviour."

The Committee on Interdenominational Relations discussed point 4 concerning St Andrew's Church, Umtali. Mr. J. S. Wreford, Lay Delegate from St. Andrew's spoke on the problems and opportunities of the work of this European Congregation. Rev. R. Cleminson, present pastor of St. Andrew's Church, and others spoke on the matter. Bishop Booth closed the discussion with a statement on the St. Andrew's Church.

On motion it was agreed that the Board Secretaries from Great Britain and U. S. A. together with representatives of the Synod and conference meet in October with the Full members of St. Andrew's Church for a discussion on the problems and possibilities involved. Conference will later have to take official action on any proposal that may come from the meeting.

The whole report on Interdenominational Relations was adopted.

**Recess:**

Conference re-convened with the singing of 180 in Ngoma. Board of Ministerial Training nominated a committee on Theological Education to meet with representatives of the Synod. The members suggested were: Rev. E. J. Aeschliman, Rev. P. Hassing, Rev. J. Chitombo, and Rev. J. Chimbadzwa. The Committee was elected by the conference. The Board of Education report was continued being read by Rev. Samuel Muzulu.

The action on M.Y.F. was adopted.

The section on Publications was adopted after certain changes had been made.

The M.Y.F. officers nominated were confirmed.

Rev. O. Stine was elected chairman of the Board of Education and C. Manyande was elected secretary.

The whole report of the Board of Education was adopted.

Miss B. Reitz read the report on Literature and Stewardship, which was received.

Mr. J. S. Wreford was excused from attending further sessions of the Conference.

Miss I. Scovill read the report of the <sup>and</sup>Commission on Finance. After some discussion and one change the report was adopted.

Bishop Booth announced the appointment of the following Committee to act as a standing committee for clarifying disciplinary questions and questions of usage:- M. E. Culver, Chairman, E. Chieza, M. J. Murphree, Miss King, Mrs. Chiza, Dr. Nutting, Reginald Ngonyama, Jr., Mrs. Mparutsa, J. Chidzikwe, and J. Rugayo.

Miss Scovill was added to the committee on Daily Proceedings in Mr. Wreford's absence.

Rev. J. Nduna and Mr. J. Machiri were reported to have arrived at the conference sessions.

It was agreed to meet again at 2: p. m.

Closing devotions: A solo was sung by Mr. E. Chieza. Rev. Frank Meacham led in the devotions reading from Ephesians, using the theme, "The Unsearchable Riches of Christ."

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

2: p. m. The session opened with the singing of Ngoma 260. Constitution: Completion to include 2 alternates; one ministerial and one lay, in paragraph 6.

Election of one more member and two alternates for the Board of Trustees was needed.

The following were elected by ballot.

Ministerial: M. J. Murphree and P. Nyamukapa, Reserve.  
Lay: J. W. Wreford, Reserve.

Rev. J. Chidzikwe read the report of the Committee on Memoirs which was adopted. To carry out the decision of the conference concerning Rev. Faku's grave, Rev. Luke Chieza was elected. A collection was agreed upon for 4: p.m. with authority given to Mr. L. Chieza to solicit other gifts if needed.

H. D. Griffin read the Statistical report which was adopted to be printed in the Journal.

New Statistician elected Rev. R. C. Gates.

Question 6 was answered.

E. Chieza read the report of the Lay Leader and report of the Board of Lay Activities, which were received by the conference.

Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 have been answered. Also 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

M. Deyo read the report of the auditing committee which was adopted.

Mr. Griffin was presented with a certificate from the Language Committee showing that he had completed his Shona Language Course.

Conference adjourned for recess.

Re-convened at 4: 10 with the singing of Ngoma 140.

Question 32 was answered by an invitation from Old Umtali for the 1956 conference to be held Aug. 19 - 26. The Board of Education and the Board of Ministerial Training are to meet Aug. 17.

E. Chieza read the report of the Commission on Worship and Music; after some discussion section 6 was taken off and the report was adopted.

Miss M. Ball read the report of the Committee on Urban Areas. After to changes the report was adopted.

Rev. Samuel Munjoma read the report of the Board of Temperance which was received.

E. Chieza read the report on Student Loans which was adopted.

C. Manyande read the report of the Committee on Medical Activities which after one change was adopted.

J. Chimbadzwa read the report from the Board of Ministerial Training which was received.

Questions 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 were answered.

K. Choto read the report of the Board of Conference Claimants which was adopted.

The financial report and an additional report were read and adopted.

M. E. Culver read the report of the Committee on Memorial to the General and Central Conferences which report was adopted. Voting: 76 for none against,



H. Griffiin made the motion that the minutes of the sessions of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, are to be examined and approved by the journal committee without further action of Conference.

Editor: On motion, the Secretary was elected to edit and published the Journal, and to make such alterations as may be necessary for correctness and uniformity, without changing the meaning of any action of the Conference, and that the published copy properly certified by the President and the Secretary, be the Official Journal of the Conference.

Nominations on the Methodist Council to replace S. Chieza, E. L. Sells and R. C. Gates were P. Hassing, M. E. Culver, and A. Muzorewa.

Methodist Youth Council: Rev. R. Cleminson was elected to replace Rev. Sells.

SRC. Conf. The voting delegates are to be elected at the 1956 Annual Conference.

A retiring collection for Clifford Faku's grave was taken. The session adjourned at 6: 50 p. m.

**Eighth Day, Sunday, August 21st**

**DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL BELLS:** A service was held at 9:00 a. m. dedicating five bells given by Mrs. Helen Taylor and her son Mr. J. Clegget Taylor in memory of their father the Rev. John A. Taylor. These bells were given to five of the churches in the Conference as follows:

Church	Remembering	Represented by
Mt. Makomwe	Harrison Maranke	Titus Maranke
Gandanzara	Ishe P. Gandanzara	Mildred Gandanzara Chikwinya
Muradzikwa	Mufundisi Nduli	Benjamin Katsidzira
Chigudu	Nicodemus Kawadza	Jonah Kawadza
Harare	Six african Evangelists and ministers who came in 1892 up from the Transvaal to assist the European Missonaries in preaching the Gospel.	Samuel Chieza

Among those taking a leading part in the service were Bishop

N. S. Booth, Bishop Odd Hagen, Dr. Harold deWolf, Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Sherertz.

**WORSHIP AND ORDINATION SERVICE:** The service was held at 10.00 a. m. and was conducted by Bishop Booth. During the service he baptized some children of ministers and received on trial into the Conference: Ezekiel Matongo, Alfred Katsande, and Elijah Chimbngandah. He received into full membership into the Conference Sylvia Aldrich, Marcia Ball, John Jijita, Jonah Kawadza, Simon Kowo, Nason Madzinga, Davison Mushapaidze, Abel Muzorewa, John Nemaungwe. The following were ordained as Deacons: Marcia Ball, John Jijita, Jonah Kawadza, Simon Kowo, Nason Madzinga, Davison Mushapaidze, Abel Muzorewa, John Nemaungwe.

**AFRICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY:** The Annual Meeting of the African Missionary Society was held at 2.00 in the afternoon.

**Sunday 4 p. m.** The session opened with the singing of Ngoma 2 Rev. S. Chieza led in prayer.

The calendar Committee reported by distributed the calender for the year. It was suggested that it should be printed in shona. The report was received.

The secretary reported on the recommendation from the Cabinet to re--divide the Districts to take place from next Conference - time. The report was adopted unanimously. It was agreed to send greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Crummy who was reported to be seriously ill and also to Mr. and Mrs. A. Boucher.

Rev. Rugayo expressed the gratitude and appreciation of the Conference for the presence and leadership of Bishop and Mrs. Odd Hagen. Bishop Hagen responded by expressing his joy for the inspiration and spiritual fellowship that he had received during the conference.

Rev. P. Nyamukapa read the report of Committee on Resolutions which was received.

**Final Adjournment:** On motion of P. Hassing, the conference voted that after the reading of the appointments the conference adjourn. (Sine Die).

Bishop Booth read the appointments and pronounced the Benediction.

**Adjournment:** The conference adjourned (Sine die) at 5.30 p. m.

**Certificate of the President and the Secretary**

This certifies that this volume of the Seventeenth Session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of The Methodist Church held at Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, August 14th - 21st 1955, is a complete and correct record of the proceedings and reports (which are published under part VI) and as such was adopted by the action of the Conference as its official record.

*Odd Hagen*

President

*Per Hassing*

Secretary

**CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION**

This is to certify that I, Newell Snow Booth, a Bishop of The Methodist Church, ordained as Deacons, after election by the Rhodesia Conference, Marcia Ball, John Jijita, Jonah Kawadza, Simon Kowo, Nason Madzinga, Davison Mushapaidze, Abel Muzorewa, John Nemaungwe according to the usages and Discipline of The Methodist Church.

Sunday August 21st, 1955.

Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia

*Newell Snow Booth*

## PART IV

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

**The Business of the Annual Conference.**

The business of the Annual Conference, held at Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, August 14th to 21st 1955, Bishop Hagen presiding:

**PART 1 Organization and Introductory Reports**

1. Who are the Officers of the Conference?  
 Secretary: Per Hassing  
 Assistants: E. de Vries, K. Choto.  
 Treasurer: A. R. Boucher  
 Statistician: H. D. Griffin
2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? Yes. See constitution.
3. Are the Officers handling funds bonded? No.
4. What is the report of the programme Committee as to the hours of the session, the bar of Conference and programme? Printed programme accepted as official. The bar of Conference was set according to disciplinary ruling.
5. Who are the Members of the Boards and Committee?  
 See Part II, list of Boards, Commissions and Committee.
6. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader? Enoch Chieza.  
 What is his report? See Board of Lay Activities Report.  
 Who are confirmed as District Leader? L. Kasambira, W. Chieza, Henry Mafunga, R. Jangano, E. Chiwadzwa, Job Tsiga, Jasper Machiri, J. Chingono, P. Dube.
7. What are the Reports of the District Superintendents as to the status of the work within their District and Suggestions for the work of the future? See Composite report, Part IV.

**PART 2 Pertaining to Ministerial Relations**

8. Having made enquiries as to the life and character of the members of the Conference, does the Board of Ministerial Qualification, Training and Relations recom-



mend that their lives are such that they be continued in the effective ministry? Yes.

9. Who are the Accepted Supply Pastors?

Silas Chitiyo, Nathan Ndidzano, Maxin Mutambanengwe, Martin Nyagura, Elisha Mvududu, William Karamazondo, Amon Kanyenze, Henry Mafunga, Enoch Makuto, Jotham Risinamudzi, Moses Hunidzarira, Jonah Dangirwa, Joseph Mauto, Joel Gwara, Gilbert Rakabopa, Joshua Chirikuutsi, D. M. Katsidzira, Lennart Kasambira, Philemon Dube, Paul Maviza, D. Chipaumire, J. Kazingire.

10. What Accepted Supply Pastors now under full time appointment are taking the Conference Course of Study?

Silas Chitiyo, Nathan Ndidzano, Maxin Mutambanengwe, Martin Nyagura, Elisha Mvududu, William Karamazondo, Aaron Kanyenze, Henry Mafunga, Enoch Makuto, Jotham Risinamudzi, Moses Hunidzarira, Jonah Dangirwa, Joseph Makuto, Joel Gwara, Gilbert Rakabopa, Joshua Chirikuutsi, D.M. Katsidzira, Lennart Kasambira, Philemon Dube, Joshua Mutsago, Paul Maviza.

11. Who are recommended to take the course for reception on trial? None.

12. Who are received on trial? Elijah Chimbganda, Alfred Katsande, Ezekiel Matongo

13. Who remain on trial?

(a) In the studies of the first year? None.

(b) In the studies of the second year? None.

(c) Solomon Zuze, Nason Dikanifua,

(d) In the studies of the fourth year?

Davison Chikosi, Elisha Kuwana

Exempt from the course of study under the Seminary rule.  
Marshall W. Murphree.

14. Who on trial are discontinued?

David Chinogureyi

15. What full members are in studies?

Sylvia Aldrich, Marcia Ball, John Jijita, Jonah Kawadza, Simon Kowo, Nason Madzinga, Davison Muchapaidze, Abel Muzorewa, John Nemaungwe.

16. What full members are in studies?
  - a. 3rd year: M. Ball, H. F. Anfinson
  - b. 4th year: Philemon Gurupira, Martin Chieza J. Kawadza, J. Jijita S. Kowo, N. Madzinga D. Mushapaidze, A. Muzorewa, J. Nemaungwe.
17. What full members have completed the studies of the fourth year? None.
18. Who have been elected and ordained deacons?
  - a. as local preachers? None.
  - b. as members on trial in the course of study?  
 Marcia Ball, John Jijita, Jonah Kawadza, Simon Kowo, Nason Madzinga, Davison Mushapaidze, Abel Muzorewa, John Nemaungwe.
19. Who have been elected and ordained Elders?
  - a. as local preachers? None.
  - b. as Conference members in the course of study? None.
20. Who have had their Conference membership terminated?  
 By withdrawal: None.
21. What ministerial members have died during the year?  
 None.
22. What ministers have retired?
  - a. This year? Philip Chieza, Obodiah Chimonyo.
  - b. Previous? Zachariah Mukombiwa, Thomas Maranke T.A. O'Farrell, G. A. Roberts, Benjamin Katsidzira, David Mandisodza, H. I. James, Reginald Ngonyama.
23. Who are left without appointment to attend school?  
 None.
24. What other personal notations should be made? L. E. Adkins, appointment with another Missionary Society without annuity claim.  
 Davison Chikosi was granted one year leave of absence as a Supernumerary.
25. What are the reports of the Boards and Committees and Secretaries of the Conference? See Part VI Reports.
26. What is the report of the Conference Statistician? See Report, Part VIII.
27. What is the report of the Conference Treasurer? See Report of VI D.
28. What is the report of the Auditing Committee? Books

- audited and correct. See Report Part VI.
29. What is schedule for the minimum support for pastors? Salary Scale as adopted by 1954 Conference.
30. What apportionments of Conference funds are recommended by the Committee on Finance?
- For Conference Claimants?  
Pastor £2—10—0 per annum  
Circuit £5— 0—0 per annum
  - for World Service? Free Will
  - for Episcopal Fund 1½% of Pastor's Salary
  - for General Administration Fund? assessed on membership.
  - Central Conference Fund? assessed on membership.  
See Report of Committee on Finance.
31. What are the objectives of the Conference for the coming year? See various reports adopted by Conference and Quadrennial report prepared by the Field Committee
32. Where shall the next Conference be held? Old Umtali, August 19-26, 1956.

## APPOINTMENTS

### PART V

#### THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- Note:** Heavy type --- Members of the Conference  
*Italic* --- Members on trial  
 Roman --- Missionaries and Approved Supply Pastors  
 ( . . . . ) --- Teachers and other workers

Numbers after the names of members and ministers indicate the number of consecutive years of the appointments

#### MARANQE -- CIDUKU DISTRICT

Superintendent:	Hans F. Anfinsen 4
Assistant Superintendent:	Moses Muparutsa 1
Religious Education Worker:	Marange:(Johnson Chingono 3)
Religious Education Worker:	Ciduku: (Kenneth Mhandu 1)
MARANKE NORTH CIRCUIT:	Samuel Munjonia 3
Evangelist:	Paul Maviza
Cipfatsura:	(Edw. Machiri, Sarah Munjo-

	ma, Gilbert Matara, Lovemore Mupita, Christopher Mbanje, Eva Chakonda, Mabel Tondoya, Albert Nyangani.)
Mushunje:	(Eric Muzhizhizi, Timothy Fungirayi, Lammech Shungu, Caleb Mundieta, Annie Matondo, Annie Munjoma, Jane Pundo, Delia Fungirayi.)
Mandimbira:	(Harry Matondo, Elia Chidzike, Esther Matanga, Joseph Muzhizhizi, Cathrine Mwaswodza.)
Nyika:	(Nathaniel Maziti, Elia Wilson Chadebinga, Elem Mukuze, Sophie Mukuze, E. Muhlanga,
Cirinda:	(Enoch Gowero, Lennert Machiri, Denford Nyambawaro, Clifford Cingweshe, Annie Tumbare.)
Mukuni:	(Edw. Nyambawaro, Walter Muchineuta, Wilbert Ngorima Sophie Cinoera.)
Gonongono:	(Johnson Simango, Gladman Mandimbira Susan Marange.)
Zarawa:	(David Matanga, Elia Munyinho.)
Achnashee:	(Rennias Napata, Ignatius Dzingirayi)
Zumbare:	(To be supplied.)
<b>MARANGE CENTRAL CIRCUIT: Moses Muparutsa I</b>	
Evangelist:	(Obadiah Manjengwa)
Makomwe:	(Faustino Dambudzo, Jonas Sakala, Donald Chitsiku, Esnath Matowe, Elia Zamari-dza, Nester Marange, Gloria Mutepfa, Mai Muparutsa)
Matanda:	(Earl Marembo, Eric Mushambi, Charles Basera, Giles Mutasa, Laizah Mushunje, Mitah Marembo, Alice Mushunje)
Musiringofa:	(John Neganje, Saul Madzira-



	she, Collins Kanjande, Victoria Mparudza.)
Mafararikwa:	(Elia Muredzwi, Kedwel Muchimwe, Elisha Nyambawaro, Anna Moore Nyambawaro, Beatrice Murendzwi, Verna Madziure.)
Gwindingwi:	(Happy Mahati, Naome Mahati.)
Cigonda:	(Baxter Mataswa, Cecilia Mataswa, Tina Mae Ndoro.)
Mzwenga:	(Dennie Kwembeya, Ashworth Mataswa.)
Mutimba:	(Lammech Musanyesa, John Shamu.)
Nharira:	(to be supplied.)
MARANGE SOUTH CIRCUIT:	<i>Ezekial Matongo 1</i>
Evangelist:	(Obediah Manjengwa.)
Mutsago:	(Wonder Mutsago, Samson Marwa, Kwanai Mutsago, Gideon Mutsago, Chourombo Sitole, Elizabeth Hlatywayo, Ethel Hlatywayo.)
Masasi:	(Albert Madondo, John Mutserepete, Schadrach Senga, Rannie Marange, Teddy Nyoke.)
Maswaure:	(Wilson Mushambi, Denford Gombe, John Maswaure, Sylvester Kutesera, Jannet Maundike.)
Betera:	(Jonathan Masaka, David Mutepfa.)
Cikuku:	(Tobias Kadira, Lainah Mutepfa.)
Maviza:	(to be supplied.)
Zwipiripiri:	(to be supplied.)
CIDUKU SOUTH CIRCUIT	Phillip Chieza (until Dec.) 10
Evangelist:	P. Gurupira (from Jan.) 1
Citenderano:	(Joshua Chirikuutsi)
	(Newton Ciwara, Elia Ciwara, Arnold Musumbi, Phineas Ne-

	ngeterwa, Rezen Nyamaphene, Anna Mupete.)
Sharara:	(Arabishen Kapenzi, Killion Masunda, David Chikwawawa, Abel Sharara, Nancy Kapenzi, Miriam Matongo, Alice Kembe.)
Ciduku:	(Killion Zubidza, Dickson Kanyangu, Golden Kurai, Maggie Mbuwerimwe.)
Cigora:	(Thomas Shoko, Benjamin Gurure.)
Romsley:	(to be supplied.)
Sherwood Farm:	(to be supplied.)
<b>CIDUKU NORTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>Obediah Musingwini, 2</b>
Evangelist:	(Jonah Dangirwa.)
Gurure:	(Noah Kapumha, Winlow Gombedza, Juta Munjamani, Charles Ciripamberi, Charity Kapumha.)
Rukweza:	(James Ciripamberi, Kenneth Mukoyi, Anna Dangirwa, Rowena Ciripamberi.)
Chinya:	(to be supplied.)
Chigwedere:	(to be supplied.)
Dowa Division:	(to be supplied.)
Inyazura:	(to be supplied.)
Madzonga:	(to be supplied.)
Masedza:	(to be supplied.)
Musungambara:	(to be supplied.)
Rusape:	(to be supplied.)

Schools under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Mtasa-Makoni District, which are located in the Marange-Ciduku District are:

Muziti:	(M. Mataranyika, S. Kapfuvuti, L. Nyamapfene, E. Mandisha, G. Sauramba A. Mazaiwana, L. Mataranyika, P. Muziti, J. Matikinyidze.)
Chinyadza:	(T. Mucini, D. Jijita, O. Mupindu.)

Chizowana: (M. Mukuzwazwa, E. Mazire,  
K. Mukunga.)

**MUTAMBARA DISTRICT:**

Superintendent of Churches: **Lennart Blomquist** (Until return  
of **Kare Eriksson**)

Women's Work: **Kare Eriksson**  
**Mrs. L. Blomquist** (until the re-  
turn of **Mrs. K. Eriksson**.)  
**Mrs. K. Eriksson**.)

Superintendent of School: (Mr. F. Meacham until Jan. 1,  
1956) **K. Eriksson** beginning  
Jan. 1, 1956  
**Miss M. Deyo** in **Zimunya** beg-  
inning Jan. 1, 1956

Religious Education Worker: (Mr. Rishon Gwinya)

**MUTAMBARA CENTRE:**

Pastor: **Titus Maranke** 4

Associate Paster: **L. Blomquist** 3

Women's Work: (Mrs. T. Maranke.)  
**Mrs. L. Blomquist**

Chairman of Staff: **L. Blomquist** until return of  
**K. Eriksson**

Directress of Girls' Work: **Miss Deyo** until Jan. 1, 1956;  
**Miss Scovill** beginning Jan. 1,  
1956; Assistant, **Miss D. Hickok**.

**Central Primary School:**

Principal: **Miss Deyo** until Jan. 1, 1956;  
**K. Eriksson**, beginning Jan. 1,  
1956.

Headmistress: **Miss I. Scovill** until Jan. 1, 1956  
Headmaster: (Mr. A. T. Mwamuka) beginning  
Jan. 1, 1956.

Teachers: (K. Sitole, B. Rugayo, R. Ruga-  
yo, H. Emmert, S. Mhiripiri,  
W. Sigauke, A. Shoko, E. Chiru-  
ka.)

Boy's Industrial: **L. Blomquist**, Supervisor. (E.  
**Sisimai**, **S. Mashingaidze**, **E. Chi-**  
**tumwa**.)

Girl's Industrial: **I. Scovill** (E. Mukonde L. Mu-  
konde, V. Mauwa.)

Girl's Agriculture; **D. Hickok**

Boy's Boarding and Farm: L. Blomquist  
 Boarding Mistress: (Mrs. A. Nyamondera.)  
 Mission Secretary: Mrs. L. Blomquist  
 Medical Work: Ruth Hanson, Ruth Lind, (Violet Dube, Mavis Sitole, Mary Manyayu, Clara Mbodza, Dessie Katsidzira)

M. Y. F. To be supplied  
 Sunday School: R. Hanson  
 Junior Church: I. Scovill, (A. Kadzura.)  
 Upon the return of Mr. R. C. Gates, the Zimunya area of the present Mutambara District will be incorporated into the Umtali—Zimunya District. Mr. Gates will be the District and Church Superintendent of this new District.

MUTAMBARA EAST  
 Matendeudze Eliah Jangano 4  
 (Elliot Mukonde, David Chinzen-  
 nde, One Mufudza, Ella Sisimayi,  
 Zienile, Sitole, Grace Mukonde.)  
 Nyambeya (Lovemore Jangano, Kuda Ma-  
 katara, Esnath Kamusono,  
 Jannie Ngosi.)  
 Chiramba (Nicodemus Magobeya, Stanley  
 Kutukwa, Margret Sitole, Sylvia  
 Kashiri.)  
 Dunhu (John Mandikutse, Sarah Sitole,  
 Ephraim Musariarwa, Anie Mu-  
 blanga.)  
 Cronley (Eliah Murimwa.)  
 Mudima (E. Tadzwi, Panganayi Dube.)  
 Nunyebvu (Tudor Chinzende, Ganya Mun-  
 njoma.)  
 Mutambara Reserve (Period Dube, Elizabeth Sitole,  
 Sarah Mutari, Moddie Charwa-  
 dza, Samuel Chibvuri, Nason  
 Musere.)

MUTAMBARA WEST  
 Chakohwa: Silas Kasambira 9  
 (Aaron Hlahla, Esther Mutisi,  
 Henry Dzambo, Dorothy Ka-  
 sambira, Amos Rwizi, Ida  
 Mugebe.)  
 Shinja: (Lloyd Munjoma, Moses Mu-  
 raisi, Esther Tiengane, Elion

	Simbi.)
Matsororo:	(Elimon Makamanzi, Esther Makamanzi.)
Necitima:	(Size Masenga, Elijah Mupandare, Agnes Kasambira.)
Hot Springs:	(Hapson Padenga, John Chikotosa.)
Chayemiti:	(Philip Tofa, Martha Bangwayo, Tennyson Sibanda, Annie Sigauke.)
<b>NYANYADZI:</b>	<b>Jackson Rugayo 3</b>
Nyanyadzi Main:	(Jotham Chatema, Frances Chatema, Artwell Munjoma, Eliazbeth Nkomo, Adonia Magwere, Marjorie Rukweza, Annie Kombo, Sarah Musamirapamwe, Ethen Mushiri, Senjoulun Maringapasi, Leonard Mupinda, Merana Sitole, Chrispen Munyama, Herbert Matiashe, Mphiriro Gwitira.)
<b>ZIMUNYA SOUTH:</b>	<b>Johnson Maramba 1</b>
Evangelist:	M. Mutambanengwe.
Munyarari:	(Samson Muzulu, Mattie Muparutsa, Alice Nkomo, Mavis Chidembo, Annie Grace Chiwenda, Newton Mucucu.)
Derembge:	(Simpson Mutanga, Morrison Parwehosi, Richard Chikosi, Aggrey Rusero, Lucina Chibwana, Norah Bandura.)
Mambgere:	(Denford Musiyarira, Silas Ziuya.)
Dambakurimwa:	(Mitros Murare, Tamary Murare, Arnold Murangwa.)
Impudzi:	(Muza Chiturumana, Alex Sitole, Gedion Nzatu.)
Dzobo:	(Daniel Betterman, Winnie Mutanga, Janet Mashingaidze.)
Murare:	(Nathan Ndidzano, Blessing Mudombozi, Christina Bvumbura, Nester Chiopera,

	Lazarus Gundumura.)
Muromo:	(Booker Musamirapamwe, Constance Musamirapamwe, Schoorai Sitole, Jennifer Ma- tamisi.)
Chitora:	(Glaman Munyamana, Edwrad Makukunza, Leah Mhizha, Rose Sitole, Samuel Musaba- yana, Estella Shiridzinomwa.)
ZIMUNYA NORTH: Muradzikwa:	Enoch Munjoma. 2 (John Madhlayo, Annah Ma- dhlayo, Reuben Chitenderu, Martha Chitenderu, Amos Mupinda, Philip Kutseza, Lois Munyama, Joyce Munyama, Grace Matiashe.)
Chitakatira:	(Martin Nyagura, Tobias Mu- radzikwa, Joyce Muradzikwa, Rhoda Mutanga, Verna Chite- nderu, Rhoda Mutisi, Oliver Zamba.)
Gwese:	(Teddie Bepete, Hardware Marowa, Matron Chitenderu, Sinah Chipiri.)
Bvumba:	(Amon Bepete, Tebetha Mu- njeni.)
Rowa:	(John Nduna (Wellington Mu- zarewetu, Sophie Muringwa, Hector Mucucu.)
Dangare:	(Alford Gowero, Clever Mata- nga, Sylvia Mudabura, Annah Mvumi.)

## MUTASA—MAKONI DISTRICT

Superintendent:	H. D. Griffin 4
Assistant Superintendent:	Luke Chieza 2
Woman's work	Mrs. H. D. Griffin, (Mrs. Luke Chieza.)
Religious Education worker:	(Willas Makunike)
NYAKATSAPA CIRCUIT:	Luke Chieza 7
Associate minister:	Alfred Katsande 1



Evangelist Inyanga North: Nyakatsapa:	Gilbert Rakabopa (Isaac Musamba, E. Makunike, E. Sitole, J. Kurewa, P. Ma- swikeni, F. Muparanyanga, S. Mbutsa, A. Banda, Jane Chiorah, W. Masara, B. Mabvunza, John Chiorah, I. Mashingaidze, Ferguson Chiorah.)
Shakuyu:	(Wilfred Sitole, L. Chimbadzwa, Rose, Karumbidza.)
Vumbunu:	(D. Dangare, E. Mandisekwe, V. Machiwenyika.)
Zinyembe:	(R. Mhere, D. Mbutsa, G. Chirewa.)
Buwu:	(D. Chimbadzwa, F. Zitsanza, C. Bunya.)
Rupinda	(N. Chikuni, J. Kufakunesu, C. Sadete, A. Chikuhwa, C. Mupunga, M. Chindomu.)
Samanga:	(G. Rakabopa Jr., M.R. Mareya, N. Taringa.)
Maguwa:	(Bennett Chidawanyika.)
Wengo:	(Z. Manditsera, N. Dozwa.)
Nyautari:	(Isaiah Nyakatawa.)
Nyatoro:	(To be Supplied.)
Nyamaropa:	(To be Supplied.)
Nyamukwarara:	(K. Mupunga, M. Mutepfa.)
<b>PENHALONGA—MUNDENDA:</b>	<b>Jonah Machiri 1</b>
Religious Education worker:	(David Chinogurei.)
Penhalonga:	(P. Chiunda, A. Karumbidza, 1 to be supplied.)
Mundenda:	(J. Gonye, D. Chidzikwe, R. Mawondo, M. Gonye, W. Chishawa, N. Chimbadzwa, 1 to be supplied.)
Marara:	(J. Mugauri, J. Chitombo.)
Mt. Jenya:	(C. Nduna, N. Nduna, N. Mandipira, E. Chikumbu.)
Mwandiambira:	(To be supplied.)
Chikanga:	(To be supplied.)
Battery Spruit:	(To be supplied.)
Mountain Home:	(Deffie Mazaiwana.)

Harvey:	(To be supplied.)
Odzi:	(D. Nhunhama, T. Golowa, J. Mazaiwana.)
Glenada:	(L. Zimonte, N. Simango, M. Mazaiwana, O. Matemba.)
<b>GANDANZARA CIRCUIT:</b>	<b>Patrick Machiri 2</b>
Leigh Ranch:	(O. Dzemunasi, S. Tafangombe
Zuze:	(J. Gadzai, D. Nyamhukutu, S. Maenzanise, O. Usada, Agnes Karumbidza, A. Magaba.)
Mukahanaana:	(E. Masikati, W. Rundu, D. Machiwenyika, S. Chiri.)
Chikuruwo:	(N. Miti, E. Kanengoni, M. Mugochi, N. Gambe.)
Gandanzara:	(P. K. Mudiwa, C. Kanengoni, Borerwe, G. Manhanga, E. Firirayi, C. Mugochi.)
Sherukuru:	(P. Bwawa, M. Mukambacaza, E. Mutepfa, R. Mugochi, 1 to be supplied.)
Ndingi:	(I. Kuwana, P. Dehwe.)
Quagga Kloof:	(To be supplied.)

**OLD UMTALI MISSION**

Chairman of Executive Com.: T. R. Roberts.

Vice-Chairman of Exc. Com.: Per Hassing

Secretary, Exc. Committee: Deane Manbeck

Ehnes Mem. Church Minister: R. M. Chiza 4

Assistant pastor: D. L. Sherertz 1

Theological Seminary: M. E. Culver, H. DeWolf, P. Hassing, R. M. Chiza, E. Aeschliman, Mrs. M. E. Culver, Mrs. P. Hassing, (Mrs. M. Chiza.)

Principal, Hartzell Trg. Sch.: T. R. Robers.

Secretary Hartzell Trg. Sch.: Mrs. T. R. Roberts.

Central Primary School: Headmistress, (Mrs. W. Gazeley,) (S. Ngonyama, M. Ngonyama, G. Kapenzi, W. Kodzai, R. Zinoera, C. Nyamwanza, W. Mahlanza, J. Kapenzi, S. Kuwana, S. Mataranyika.)

Secondary School: (R. Ngonyama, Jr.,) T. R. Roberts, E. Parks, (Mrs. J. Nuttall,)

	E. Russel.)
Teacher Training School:	Headmistress, S. E. Aldrich, E.L. Pfaff, M. Sawyer, (Mrs. Marshall J. Nhiwatiwa.)
Practicing School:	(Headteacher: W. Marima; K. Chikwinya, F. Mandiziba, W. Tauro, N. Ngonyama M. Chitakatira, R. Nyika, Mrs. K. Chikwinya, Mrs. E. Maenzanise.)
Boys Industrial Dept.:	(E. Sukuma, E. Musabaeka, J. Gombedza, J. Nhiwatiwa, R. Makoni.)
Boys Dormitory Life:	(E. Mawaro, Mr. Rupazo.)
Maintenance and Service:	(P. Maenzanise, J. Mawoyo, A. Mawanda, T. Rusike.)
Directress Fairfield Girls Sch.:	H. Wildermuth until January, J. Pfaff after Jan.
Girls Industrial Department:	S. Hervold, (Mrs. W. Kodzai, E. Kapfumvuti, Mrs. I Mhlanga, T. Chieza.)
Boarding Mistress:	(Mrs. E. Samudzimu.)
Rhodesia Mission Press:	
Director:	M. E. Culver
Treasurer:	Mrs. T. R. Roberts
Pressmen:	(H. Maringanise, Foreman; E. Nkomo, M. Njopera, C. Zisengwe.)
Woodlands Farm:	(H. Ferriera, Mrs. H. Ferriera.)
Building Operations:	(T.J.C. West in charge.)
Medical Work & Baby Fold:	A. Whitney in charge. (Mrs. M. Nyamwanza, E. Mabambe, D. Manyawu, C. Chimboza in charge of Babyfold.)
Women's Work:	Mrs. D. L. Sherertz, Mrs. P. Hassing, (Mrs. R. M. Chiza.)
<b>HONDE DISTRICT:</b>	
Church Superintendent:	J. Nduna 14
School Superintendent:	H. D. Griffin 5
District Evangelist:	(Davidson Katsidzira)
Honde Evangelist:	(To be Supplied)
Honde River School:	(H. Ruwende, C. Mundembe, K. Shenje, B. Madenyika, B.

Gatsi	Nyatoti, J. Sambona.) L. Kasambira, Evangelist; D. Chaka, E. Dzoma, R. Shaniso, G. Margaret Machiwenyika.) (J. Nyamunokora, Evangelist) (S. Mutanangira, Evangelist) To be Supplied.
Mandeya,	
Muparutsa	
Zindi	

**MREWA DISTRICT:**

Superintendent of Churches:	Charles Miller 1
Assistant Superintendent:	Kenneth Choto 3
Women's Work	Mrs. C. Miller; (Mrs. K. Choto)
Superintendent of Schools:	C. Miller 1
Assistant Superintendent:	K. Choto 7
Religious Education Worker;	(Paul Machakaira.)

**MREWA MISSION:**

Pastor:	Josiah Chidzikwe 4
Principal:	Arnold Boucher until Jan. 1; From Jan. 1 M. J. Murphree until arrival of E. L. Sells <i>M. W. Murphree</i> Mrs. A. Boucher until Jan. 1 From Jan. 1 until arrival of Mrs. E. L. Sells Mrs. Marshall Murphree and Mrs. Betty J. Murphree
Assistant:	
Women's Work:	
Headmaster:	A. Boucher until Jan. 1; M. J. Murphree and <i>M. W. Murphree</i> . from Jan. 1 until arrival of Mr. Sells. (Kenneth Ngaasi, Kenneth Mapira, Lazarus Mandizha, L. Tachwana, P. Magura, E. Kawadza, E. Makombese, L. Nyemba, J. Matanhire, E. Chilimanzi, E. Munjoma, M. Munyukwi, S. Mrewa, P. Chikuya, R. Chidzikwe, W. Krwadzwa, L. Kambarami.)
Industrial & Agricultural Staff:	(A. Sibanda, T. Chitanda, T. Kanhanda, M. Chifetete.)

**MREWA NORTH CIRCUIT:**

Dandara:	Wilson Mandisodza 3 (J. Moyo, P. Nyandoro, L. Gororo, E. Kuture, D. Murewa.)
Inyagui:	(E. Zemidza, J. Bvindi, J. Rukainga, T. Bepete, T. Matinde.)
Matututu:	(Ebbie Maciya, P. Maparunga)
Muchinjiki:	(J. S. Kanyimo, E. Mujuru, Babusie Tsiga, O. Chitiyo, R. Musoni, A. Kanonhuhwa, J. Chitonga.)
Nyamashatu:	(C. Mukasa, J. Zizhou, L. Marowa, R. Chikoore, B. Chikoore, E. Chikoore.)
Zaranyika:	(I. Nyezwa, F. Bvukumbe, E. Chikanya, W. Nyamadzawa.)
Chingono	(Isaac Kambarami, Benson Katuruza, Roselyn Chingwaro, Emort Ndebe.)

**MREWA SOUTH CIRCUIT:**

Chaniapango:	Hosea Katsidzira 18 (Shadrack Nyemba, Dorothy Nyemba, Enoch Nyamapanda, Lainah Kambarami, Caleb Shumba, Sidwell Gundu, A. Chimoro, Tracey Mufunde.)
Chanetsa:	(Sanders Nyati, S. Chinyerere, Douglas Makore.)
Hokodzi:	(George Shaba, Gift Gwata, Freddie Makore J. Katonha, F. Chidoore.)
Gororo:	(Patrick Makumbe, Ernest Mangwende.)
Zengenene:	(B. Nyamutumbu, W. Marembo, V. Mahowa.)
Darangwa:	(T. Mucemwa, N. Kufakunesu, Langton Nhikiti, N. Makarakate.)

**MREWA EAST CIRCUIT:**

Evangelist:	Jonah Kawada 7 Jotham Risinamudzi
Chiguri:	(Isaiah Kanyimo, D. Furamera.)
Chitate:	
Dapandowe:	(Josiah Nhende)



Mazieniki:	(H. Shokombishi, H. Tsiga, R. Chiwara, E. Fusire)
Mrewa Kraal:	(E. Bere, H. Dzumbunu, Attoriah Mapfeke, E. Moyo, N. Chikoore)
Mtisi:	(W. Chirowomangu, J. Huni, H. Manyange, J. Shoniwa, A. Choto)
Gumbanjera:	(L. Guru, Tees Zemura, O. Chigudu, L. James, A. Mugure I. Nyanjagha)
Jekwe:	(A. Makawara, A. Chiwara, J. Kadendere, F. Kaitano, O. Mujuru, M. Pangwa)
Masunzwe:	(Edward Chiriaridzo, Dorothy Gareta)
MREWA WEST CIRCUIT:	<i>Elisha Kuwana 2</i>
Evangelist:	Moses Hunidzarira
Kambarami:	(K. Musuka, A. Chitsenga, J. Chisewe, A. Murape, T. Kambarami, K. Fusire)
Mhembere:	(M. Mukuwadzi, Maxton Dikito)
Nyamutumbu:	(T. Mutemi, B. Kasaro, G. Matambauadzo, D. Chiromo, S. Masiyiwa, M. Fusire, B. Nyirende)
Rupange:	(Joel Gwara, B. Shumba, A. Hunidzarira, R. Chirimuminda, H. Banza, Frances Mupari B. Masoko, F. Kadenga)
Shamu:	(G. Kaseke, S. Chirimuuta)
Mutowani:	(A. Mwandirwa, E. Garwe)
HEADLANDS CIRCUIT:	<i>Kenneth Choto 3</i>
Evangelist;	Joseph Makuto, Silas Chitiyo,
Arnoldene:	(J. Mbwezhu, Winnie Mutsetse)
Chigudu:	(Peter Sangarwe, Siri Musuka, G. Mandizha, A. Chigudu, G. Matongo)
Fusire:	(To be supplied)
Headlands	(To be supplied)
Magura:	(A. Machakaire, P. Chigudu,



Macheke: E. Chitiyo, A. Chimutuwo, M. Jambi)  
 Mapfure: (Gibson Mufema, A. Makuto)  
 (To be supplied)

**CHIKORE -- TANDA CIRCUIT:** Davson Muchapaidze 3  
 Chikore: (Newton Madanhi, Cyril Mandirahwe, A. Chitsike, V. Chikate, E. Majeni, G. Murerwa)  
 Dewerwi: (F. Madyambudzi, P. Madzinwa)

### NYADIRI DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Jonah Chitombo 2  
 School Superintendent: Frances Hackler 2  
 District Evangelist: Marshall Murphree 1  
 Religious Education Worker (Evison Mutanga)

### NYADIRI CENTER

Pastor: Jonah Chitombo 8  
 Assistant Pastor: Nason Dikanifua 2  
 Evangelist: William Masangudza  
 Chairman of Staff, Principal, Directress of Girls' School: Sarah King 6  
 Farm - - Boys' Boarding Bruce Smalley 3  
 (Francis Nyachoto)  
 Central Primary School: Sarah King (Princ.)  
 Mildred Taylor (H. M.)  
 (Conrade Manyande, Evans Mutongwizo, Bennie Jambga, James Makawa, Jonah Muskwe Kallai Kumalo, Arnold Chimbanga, Eunice Muparutsa, Veana Zaranyika, Alfred Zaranyika, James Matanhire, William Buwu, Josiah Kanyongo, Chipso Zengeya, Timothy Gwati, Mathias Gurure)  
 Boarding Master: (Dangson Nyagurungu)  
 Boarding Mistress: (Jenne Jamakanga)  
 School Clerk: (Joel Musamba)  
 Book-Store Telephone Post: (Reuben Zaranyika)  
 Nyaitenga School: (Ruth Pendeke, (H. M.)  
 Alice Mae Matyora, Gwendo-

line Kausiyo, Tabitha Musangudza, Mavis Mae Chiwara, Hama Kanyayi, Noah Kagande, Mary B. Zaranyika)

Washburn Memorial Hospital:  
Treasurer:

Dr. Marvin Piburn 3  
Mrs. M. Piburn 3  
Margit Johanson, Elma Ashby,  
Jenny Larsen, Mrs. P.W. Jones,  
(Mrs. C. Manyande, Mrs. J.  
Chitombo, Titus Kuture, Mrs.  
K. Kumalo, Kathryn Munjo-  
ma, Samson Kalowa, Elizabeth  
Chitombo)

Woman's Work:

(Mrs. Chitombo (Chrm )  
Mrs. M. Piburn  
Mrs. B. Smalley  
Mrs. G. Carr

Building Constructor-Power,  
Light and Water:

G. Carr

**NYADIRI EAST CIRCUIT:**

Women's Work:

Chindenga:

**Nason Madzinga 4**  
Mrs. N. Madzinga 4  
(Simon Mupaya, Thobias Chi-  
paya, Tauzen Kadyutumbe,  
Wilson Chiwona)

Chiwoneso:

(Oswald Mhonda, Dinoh Nya-  
makura, Gostin Chirowodza)  
(Nicholas Muskwe, E. Rundu)  
(Leonard Gurure, Cecilia Ma-  
tsika)

Danda:

Gumbutsa:

Gurure:

(Philemon Mutambara,  
Michael Zaranyika, Rambai  
Rinomhota, Caleb Gurure)  
(Julius Gurure, Phineas Dzwengwe)

Kagande:

Nyakabau:

(Aaron Chigonda, Caphas Mu-  
ketiwa, Salatiel Gomo, Mrs.  
C. Muketiwa, Joshua Karonga)  
(Anderson Rusike, Mrs. A. Ru-  
sike, Ben Zwiripi, Cecelia  
Dzwengwe, Frances Chitewe)

Nyamiakope:

**UZUMBA SOUTH CIRCUIT:**

**Women's Work:**

**Chikwira:**

**Chitimbe:**

**Kaseke:**

**Machereka:**

**Zanga:**

**UZUMBA NORTH CIRCUIT:**

**Women's Work:**

**Chikuhwa:**

**Chipfunde:**

**Mashambanaka:**

**Morris:**

**MARAMBA-PFUNGWE CIRCUIT: John B. Jijita 4**

**Women's Work:**

**Evangelist:**

**Chitsungo:**

**Dindi:**

**Guyu:**

**Kafura:**

**Maramba:**

**Amon Kajese 4**

**(Mrs. A. Kajese 4)**

**(Emelia Chingwena Ellen Machingarufu, Lucy Chiota.)**

**(Albert Hlekisina, G. Kadiki, Enoch Mupaya, R. Alfonso, William Gassela, Lamech Kazingizi, Mrs. A. Hlekisana, Mr. A. Kajese, Violet Mushamba, C. Kanyasa, Isable Karumazondo, Renna Kaseke)**

**(E. Jijita, Joseph Chipindu.)**

**(Philemon Gosha, E. Haridi, Jeremiah Kanodeweta, Million Kashiri.)**

**(Timothy Nyamandu, Isaac Garande.)**

**Amon Kajese 3**

**(Mrs. A. Kajese)**

**Miller Masiku, Pius Kamunda, Amos Nyahuye, Sylvia Gosha, Oliver Muzorewa.)**

**(Richard Musoro, Macheuka Maswaure.)**

**(Gideon Chikanya, Muwondi Hlekisana, Obediah Mataure, Isaiah Nyakambangwe, Susan Kamba.)**

**(To be supplied.)**

**(Mrs. J. Jijita)**

**Enoch Makuto**

**(Isaiah Mupswairi, Josiah Masango.)**

**(P. Mhlanga, Josia Marekera, Gay Nyika.)**

**(Frederick Maparura, Mrs. F. Maparura.)**

**(Hopeful Makuto, Paul Chingwena.)**

**(Stanford Chilwai, Ishmael Kandemiri, Mrs. J. Jijita, W.**

Mutata:	Mukati.) (To be supplied.)
NYADIRI CIRCUIT:	Nason Chigubu 4
Women's Work:	(Mrs. N. Chigubu)
Chidodo.	(Solomon Katiyo, Cuthbert Nyamande, Peter Mbira, Mrs. L. Chikururwo, D. Katiyo.)
Karimbika	(Zebediah Chidakwa, Isaac Chiponda, Kingsley Muskwe.)
Manyika:	(Nason Kaseke, Petros Chinnerera, Milton Mupaya, F. Mungo, Mrs. N. Kaseke, Mrs. Ngonyama, Mrs. E. Chimbga-nda Berth Musoni.)
Matsenga:	(Stanley Mutsena, W. Goso, B. Matarutsa, Beulah Gassela.)
Mugabe:	(John Zimonte, Richard Mvududu, Mrs. L. Chimbga-nda.)
Mupaya:	(To be supplied.)
Musanhi:	(Denniel Denga, Denford Chimbanda, Ephraim Kanyasa, Ada Muskwe, Mrs. D. Denga, Jennie Ndowe.)
Nyamasanga:	(Takaruzo Nhengu, Joshua Mabvuta, Mrs. E. Muskwe)

#### MTOKO DISTRICT

Superintendent:	Wilfred Bourgaize 17
Secretary:	(Louise M. Forrest)
Building Dept.	Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Higgs 1
District Evangelist:	<i>Marshall Murhpre</i> 1
Religious Education Worker:	(Isaiah Chingwena)
MTOKO SOUTH CIRCUIT:	Daniel Makuto 5
Assistant:	Henry Mafunga
Central Primary School:	(Gorshom Chasokela, Simon Makgatho, Josiah Njagu, Herbert M'tize, G. Psuura, Job Ntuli, Titus Nyanyiwa, Egibert Makoni, Henry Mafunga, Timothy Kuripa, Elizabeth Chinake, Miriam Maguronje)

- Citekwe:** (Stephen Kundishora, Paul Chimbanga, Crispin Matuso, Harrison Chinogurei, Ernest Kalinda, Naison Kanyonga, Norah Citekwe, Erica Chidzawo Lucia Nyakuna)
- Katsukunya:** (Leonard Mtengo, Mirriam M'tengo, Caleb Homwe, Desmond Mango, Zachaeus Chipfunde, Juliana Mucaendepi)
- Muswaire:** (Elisha Mvududu, Langton Chikukwa, Alfred Chaparadza, Dorcas Munjoma, Constance Mvududu)
- Tsiga:** (Eunice Mufunde. Gilbert Mango, Herbert Chigudu)
- MTOKO NORTH CIRCUIT:** Simon Kowo 1
- Gatisa:** (Samuel Makawa, Rachel Makawa, Edmund Moses, Joyce Gunduzah)
- Makosa:** (David Mudzengerere, Martha Mudzengerere, Moses Tsiga, Elia Katavinya, Ezekiel Rinomhota)
- Masango:** (Frank Chagwedera, Shine Chikowe)
- Mudzonga:** (John Sitole, Joyce Sitole, Simeon Syamalala, Dennisi Jiri, Phyllis Nyakudanga,)
- Katsande (unaided)** (Khama Machakaire, Anna Karonga)
- Katarainya:** (Khama Machakaire, Anna Karonga)
- Musanhi: (unaided)** (Robinson Nhire)
- Nyamakosi (unaided)** (Limestone Maguma, Roselen Manyati)
- MTOKO EAST CIRCUIT:** Elisha Chimbanga 1
- Bondamakare:** (Zachariah Magunde, Jasmine Magunde, Ephraim Ghinomora, Lovejoy Chiburi, Rudo Tsiga, Lillian Mudiwa, Cathrine Makuna)



Cifamba:	(Elia Katsande, Willie Gamba- ra, Edith Zaranyika)
Cimkopa;	(Samson Katsande, Jessie Ka- tsande, Philemon Kowo, Felix Tsiga, Mary Kowo)
Kawere:	(Geoffrey Chaparadza, Grace Chaparadza, Ida Pemba, Paivah Chifeya)
Kowo:	(John Munjoma, Mesheck Mu- tize, Eliah Muskwe, Bertha Muskwe, Mary Kowo)
Masenda (Unaided):	(Edson Chigondo)
Nyamakoho (Unaided):	(John Chiimba, Lettie Kanja- nda)
Kawazwa (Unaided):	(Remigio Nyabote)
Madimutsa (Unaided):	(Henry Nyerenyere)

## AFRICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY:

Chikwizo Reserve

*Solomon Zuze 1*

Chikwizo School:

**Philemon Gurupira till Jan. 1**  
Headteacher to be supplied  
after January

Assistants:

(Loveness Nkomo, Esnath  
Kanhanda)

Nyamazui:

Construction Work:

Mr. and Mrs. B. Higgs

## UMTALI URBAN ARFA:

District Superintendent:

**R. C. Gates after April. 1**Executive Council of Co-ordination: Miss E. deVries, Chair-  
man, until furlough; after  
that E. J. Aeschliman, Miss M.  
Rev. J. Chimbadzwa (Mr. E.  
Chieza) Rev. R. C. Gates, Rev.  
H I James. (R. Cleminson)St. Andrew's Church and Circuit: (Rev. R. Cleminson)  
(European, Coloured, and Indians)

Women's work.

(Mrs. R. Cleminson)

Miller Memorial Church and Circuit: **J. Chimbadzwa 4**Assistant Pastor: **John Nemaungwe 3**Evangelist: **P. Dube**Christian Centre: Director, **E. J. Aeschliman 5**

Associates

**Mrs. E. J. Aeschliman, M. Ball 1**  
(**Enoch Chieza**) **J. Nemaungwe 3**



African Girls' Hostel: (Susanna Chikukwa)  
E. deVries, until furlough; then to  
be supplied.  
Assistant: (Mrs. Harriet Malianga)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

The Methodist Church, Salisbury

Supervisor: M. J. Murphree 2  
Minister: Samuel Chieza 5 During ab-  
sence to Gen. and Central Conf.

Women's Work: Abel Muzorewa  
Mrs. M. J. Muphree  
(Mrs. Samuel Chieza Mrs. A.  
Muzorewa)

Religious Education; (Josiah Makande)

Central Advisory Board for Native Education; Per Hassing 2

African Christian Advocate; Mrs. G. Carr

Mission Correspondents; S. N. King, P. Hassing, (Enoch  
Chieza)

Field Treasurer; P. Hassing 2

Concession Registrar; Field Treasurer.

Pastoral Extension and Music; M. J. Murphree 4

Mrs. Murphree

Abel Muzorewa 3

Davison Chipaumire

Missionary to the Indians: to be supplied.

European and Coloured Work: (Rev. R. Cleminson)

Secretary of Literature and Evangelism: M. E. Culver  
Mrs. M. E. Culver

P. Nyamukapa

Editor, Sunday School Lessons: M. E. Culver

Editor, Junior Sunday School Lessons: A Committee

Director of Religious Education: Mrs. M. E. Culver

Editor, Umbowo hwe Ukristu: (Maxwell Beni)

Secretary, Literature and Stewardship: Miss B. H. Reitz  
(Maxwell Beni, Wilson  
Maswaure)

Secretary, Women's Bible Training: Miss L. Tubbs and  
Miss M. Deyo after  
April (Mrs. H. Waeni,  
Clara Kadzura, Rena  
B. Munjoma)



3. Evangelism
4. Lay Activities
5. Ministerial Training, Qualifications and Relations
6. Board of Temperance

**Board of Conference Claimants**

Pensions paid June 30, 1954 to June 30, 1955:

To Accepted Supplies:-

Daniel Chitenderu - £6.

Thomas Kamusono - £6.

To pensioned Ministers:-

Z. Mukombiwa - £25. 5. 0

D. Mandisodza - 21. 10. 0

R. Ngonyama - 21. 10. 0

Mrs. A. Kapenzi - 12. 0. 0

B. Katsidzira - 21. 10. 0

Mrs. I. Darikwa - 16. 2. 6

T. Maranke - 20. 0. 0

£137.17. 6

We recommend that these payments be continued.

We recommend that Rev. Philip Chieza and Rev. O. Chinonyo be included on the pension list as they are retiring this year.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**1. Religious Education**

**A. Report of Director of Religious Education:**

We praise God that His work in Religious Education has progressed well this year. We now have seven consecrated Christian men who have each answered God's call to become a fulltime R. E. worker, each District having its own R. E. worker. We also have an African artist who succeeds Mr. Johnson in

the field of art.

The emphasis this year has been on (1) the developing and providing of materials and (2) the training of R. E. leaders.

(1) In the producing of materials we have provided through the District R. E. workers, materials and pictures related to the S. S. lessons. We have also provided some materials for special events of the church calendar - e. g. The World Day of Prayer Services, in Shona, for both adults and children. The children's book which has been requested is in preparation and an asking for funds to print the book has been made to the Field Committee.

(2) In training the R. E. workers we have held several short schools of R. E. for fulltime R. E. worker as well as others who wished to take advantage of the training.

The office of the Conference Director of Religious Education is now located in the Theological School. Training is given to the Theological students and the Conference program is operated as an extension service of the school.

The Director of R. E. adds, concerning the enthusiasm of the R. E. workers: "It is almost like hearing a new chapter from the Acts of the Apostles to listen to these traveling R. E. workers when they come in with their reports."

#### B. Committee of Religious Education

1. We, the Committee on R. E. commend these R. E. workers to the Conference and we urge that pastors, District Superintendents and other people in authority make full use of them in churches, quarterly conferences and other gatherings.

2. We note the 6 year cycle plan for adult Sunday School lessons and we are pleased with its effectiveness. We recommend that a committee, composed of Mrs. Griffin, Miss Grace Otto, Mrs. Culver, Miss Ball and Mr. Nemaungwe prepare a course for the Junior Lessons. We are pleased that the sale and distribution of the lessons has increased at places where a R. E. worker has made preodical visits. We feel, however, that greater emphasis upon the usage of these materials must be made.

Also, we urge that more time -- at least two months -- between the publishing and the distribution to the district

centers should be allowed. People are pleased that two quarters of lessons are now being published as one book, thus eliminating some of the distribution problems.

3. In places where plan seem feasible, we encourage the presentation of small awards to pupils for having obtained certain goals in Sunday School.

4. We remember with gratitude Miss Grace Otto's offer to secure pictures and children's story books to be used in our Conference and we are happily anticipating the arrival of same.

5. The need for suitable story books with a spiritual and moral tone for small children has been presented to the Southern Rhodesia Christian Conference. A committee has been set up and will take up the matter in October of this year.

6. While anticipating the preparation of and the arrival of new books, we feel that the "Book of Books" needs stronger emphasis. We should like for our people to become more Bible conscious. We urge that parents, teachers and other Christians encourage each child to possess his own Bible, not waiting until the time that the child can read and understand all of the words contain-



ed therein.

7. We continue to urge that each church secure and distribute copies of of the small card entitled, "Cinyi Mumethodist"?; also, that the pastors secure copies of the new membership cards on which this message is printed.

8. We note with gratitude the emphasis which the Conference Lay Leader has placed upon Stewardship as he has talked to our people. We urge that the Stewardship program in our Conference be strengthened and we recommend that the R. E. workers be given training in this subject and that they, as well as the District Lay Leaders, present it to churches and gatherings where they visit. Further, we would draw attention to the Stewardship posters in the vernacular which may be obtained from the Stewardship Secretary, and we urge that they be put to use.

9. We recommend that R. E. training in our Methodist schools be increasingly emphasised so that anyone who graduates from C. P., T. T., Nurses' Training, or J. C., goes out with some R. E. training and some expectation of carrying out the training which he has received.

Not only is this assistance needed throughout the 5 day week, Our Conference Evan-

gelists and others have observed that in many places there is a certain degree of interest in this R. E. program throughout the 5 day week. But that on week ends many\* of the teachers are not on duty and they consider themselves to be free from the church program from Friday noon until Monday morning. Their cooperation is most urgently needed for the weekend program-S.S., M. Y. F., Church choirs etc., and teachers should clearly understand the responsibility at the time they are employed.

10. We recommend that our Conference Evangelist be given a week or 10 days annually in each Central Primary School in our Conference, as a special program of evangelistic meeting would afford a marvelous opportunity for bringing our people to a complete committment to Christ.

## II. Curriculum

1. We want to inform the Conference that "Nyaya dze Bebura rekare - - Buku reci-piri", Book Two of the Old Testament, can be bought from Miss Reitz at the Literature - Stewardship Office.

2. We want to stress the teaching of uniform writing in all the primary and central primary schools of our conference.

3. Because the government has taken over the making out of all syllabi and schemes of work, we want to recommend that this committee no longer exist, and that which we have dealt with in the past in regard to schools be referred to that sub-committee and that in regard to religious education be referred to its sub-committee.

### III. Schools

1. We recommend that Teacher Training be started in the North Country in 1957 because of the dire need of trained teachers there.

Reasons: Notwithstanding the Conference refusal to have a T. T. in the North there are good reasons for recommendation:

a. In spite of double sections of T. T. at Old Umtali the quota of trained teachers in the North Country remains very low.

Mtoko 27%---Nyadiri 12%---25%

b. There is a definite value of Teacher Training amongst the people in the North because the benefit it confers and its growth would be always before them.

c. The local chiefs renew their offer to help in building.

d. The demand for schools is increasing continually and the country will be surrendered to other groups if we

do not show more action.

2. We urge that Nyadiri and Mrewa C. P. schools co-operate in providing places for Std. 5 graduates from Mtoko in their Std. 6 classes, as it is impossible at the present for Mtoko to provide this in so much as location is to be moved.

3. We urge that more scholarships be given to students from Mtoko area to create a group who will return to their area to teach to give the new station a good start.

### VI. Home and Community Life

We recommend that the Conference take as a project for the coming year the thorough study of the Christian Home in all its relationships. That this study should include the engagement of young people, premarital relationship, Christian Marriage, the relationship between husband and wife, together with the relationship of Christian parents to their children with special emphases upon adolescent boys and girls in the home. One phase of this is the teaching about sex in its largest meaning. God made male and female with strong instincts and urges. He had to, to insure the self-preservation and self-propagation and development of mankind. The love of man and woman can be one of the strongest



and most beautiful forces to work for happiness and the deeper satisfactions in living, but when sex urges are wrongly used they cause a great deal of misery and tragedy. This means we all should learn to understand better the urges of sex in its various ways and how to guide it to develop people - each individual to become a useful and worthwhile personality, the kind of Christian God means us to be.

Thus we recommend that we should study to understand sex Hygiene in its largest complex meaning.

We feel that the time has long since passed when some definite action should have been taken by our Conference which will help to strengthen the service of the Church in regard to the sexual aspects of the wholesome Christian life, and Spiritual training of our young people that they may be prepared for full entry into all of the aspects of that wholesomeness in their married life.

We therefore recommend that a Committee be appointed to fully study the conditions and needs involved, and to present their recommendations to the next session of the Annual Conference for full consideration and drafting of memorials to the Central Conference

It was agreed that a Committee should be appointed by Bishop Booth as a standing Committee of the conference to which references could be made for interpreting the Discipline and the traditions of our Conference in regard to matters of question, interpretation of rules and regulations of administration of discipline and Church life.

#### Youth Work:

1. We recommend that at Rukwadzano, Wabvui, and Camp Meetings, the M. Y. F. should have group meetings and be ready to serve wherever they are needed.

2. The following M. Y. F. resolutions were approved:

- a. That the M. Y. F. money should be kept in a bank.
- b. That a constitution be drawn up for M. Y. F.
- c. That all churches provide a suitable hour and a suitable amount of time for M. Y. F. meetings so that the M. Y. F. will be recognized as a definite part of the church's program.
- d. That young Christian people in our schools be continually presented with the great need for young people to be trained as Ministers in our Church.
- e. That there be a closer

co-operation among M.Y. F. leaders, superintendents, ministers, head teachers and other church workers.

- f. That the need for a M. Y. F. Conference - wide worker be recognized.
- g. That there be M. Y. F. District Meetings to strengthen the M. Y. F. members.
- h. That M. Y. F. members should wear their M. Y. F. membership pins wherever they go.
- i. That wherever a M. Y. F. member "falls into sin" and is dropped from the church membership that his membership pin be taken from him until his church membership is restored.

3. In order to help young children develop their church life, we recommend that wherever advisable the Junior Church idea be encouraged for children under 12 years of age.

4. We recommend that another letter be written by the Secretary of the Conference to the Censor of movies and to the Secretary of the S. R. Christian Conference requesting a closer censorship of movies for African audiences.

5. We recommend that the M. Y. F. draw up their

Constitution next April and present it to the next Annual Conference.

Pres.: Lazarus Mandiza

Vice: " Eben Kawadza

Secretary: E. Chauruka

Vice " M. Chitakatira

Treasurer: Wonder Mutsago

#### VI. Publications Committee

1. We recommend that all publications in the name of the Methodist Church be approved by the Conference Publications Committee. To assist in implementing this, we move the establishment of a Permanent Sub-Committee consisting of Miss Rietz as Chairman, Mr. Mr. Kodzai as Language consultant, and other member to be selected by these two in relation to the subject of the particular book or books in question. All publications larger than pamphlets to be printed must have the approval of this committee. In the event of a refusal of a manuscript, appeal may be made to the Conference Publications Committee.

2. A discussion was held as to the possibility of using larger print, more pictures and color in the printing of the Umbowo. We feel that this can be implemented. The pastors of the Hilltop Church and of Old Umtali are to be added to the Umbowo Committee.

3. It was reported that the booklet for the training of Waedzwa is partially printed at the present time, and will soon be ready for distribution.

4. It was further reported that some 1600 copies of the new revised edition of the Ngoma have been received and are ready for distribution throughout the districts and centers after conference.

5. We recommend that Miss Reitz prepare a reading list of available publications within our own conference including books concerned with school, religious education, evangelism, agriculture, hygiene and any other of interest to our ministers and teachers. This list should be circulated throughout the conference so that our people will be aware of and make better use of present literature.

6. We extend our appreciation to Bishop Hagen and Dr. DeWolf for their devotional messages and request that they make available to the Literature Secretary, copies of their messages, so that they might be duplicated in the vernacular and made available to our ministers for further use. Funds for their distribution will be sought.

7. We ask the question of the Conference, are there those interested in subscribing to the African Christian Advocate? If so, those interested make the necessary arrangements with the Conference Representative of the Advocate, Mrs. Carr.

8. We would like to extend a word of appreciation to Mr. Maringanise and his workers at the press for their carrying out the work in the absence of a full time pressmanager.

9. The Committee approved the publication of the third booklet by Miss Ashby, in the health series, and a reprint of book one in the same series.

10. Following is the report from the press as to publications made in 1955.

Conference Journal  
Tucece (10,000 edition)  
Jr. and Sr. S.S. Lessons  
Umbowo  
Vaedzwa  
Health Books (two series)  
Church Membership Records  
Mnene Quarterly  
Evangelistic and devotional tracts.  
Assorted materials for Church, school, and medical work.

## NGARIENDE, RECIEPTS, AUGUST 1954 TO AUGUST 1955.

Brought forward	£539. 14. 9
Umtali, HilTop	16. 0. 0
Nyadiri Circuit	2. 14. 5
Mundenda Circuit	14. 6
Nyanyadzi Circuit	1. 10. 0
Christian Convention	5. 0
Nyadiri East	1. 10. 0
Mutambara Circuit	15. 8
Mutambara Centre	2. 4. 3
Maranke South	3. 0. 0
Chiduku North	1. 16. 5
Zimunya South	3. 4. 9
Penhalonga Circuit	1. 0. 8
Mission Treasurer	68. 0. 0
Old Umtali Church	12. 5. 1
Mutambara E. Circuit	3. 6. 7
Salisbury Church	5. 0
Chiduku South	8. 0. 8
Maramba - Pfungwe Circuit	2. 0. 0
Gandanzara Circuit	2. 7. 9
Nyakatsapa Circuit	1. 15. 0
Chikore-Tanda Circuit	3. 0. 0
Mtoko East	- - -
Maranke North	- - -
Conference Sunday	5. 13. 11
Munyukwe Camp Meeting	3. 0. 11
Mrewa East	3. 13. 0
Mrewa North	3. 13. 0
Mrewa South	6. 11½
Mrewa West	18. 6½
Field Treasurer	68. 0. 0
Nyadiri Mission	3. 15. 2
Mrewa West	13. 3½
Mrewa South	6. 10½
Mrewa East	1. 18. 8½
Mutambara East	10. 0
Field Treasurer	68. 0. 0
Nyadiri Mission	5. 1. 0
Nyadiri West	1. 14. 0
Nyadiri East	2. 0. 7½

Chikure - Tanda Circuit	1. 0. 0
Mrewa North	6. 16. 0
Mrewa Centre Church	1. 3. 6
Chikwizo School Fees	10. 0. 0
Interest	48. 11. 5
Paid in	£ 911. 12. 5
Paid out	239. 5. 8
	672. 6. 9
In Post Office	667. 16. 11
Cash on hand	4. 9. 10
Recieved During Conference:	
Salisbury Church	£ 1. 10. 0
Mtoko South	7. 10. 0
Maramba - Pfungwe	2. 11. 3
Mrewa South	1. 0. 5
Zimunya North	2. 10. 0
Mundenda Circuit	1. 0. 0
Mtoko North	11. 11½
Gandanzara Circuit	2. 0. 0
Chiduku South	4. 10. 0
Mtoko East	4. 10. 0
Miss Forrest	10. 0
Honde Circuit	2. 0
Mutambara Mission	1. 17. 9
Chiduku North	14. 7½
Mutambara West	18. 5½
Nyakatsapa Circuit	2. . 0
Hill Top Church	15. 0. 0
Old Umtali Church	19. 0. 2½
	67. 15. 10½
In Post Office	667. 16. 11
Cash on hand	4. 9. 10
Total Cash Balance	739. 7. 11½



### THE AFRICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY (Ngariende)

"For as I passed by and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this incscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD, whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you."

The Apostle Paul gladly endured many hardships for the sake of Christ. In some places he was driven away, in others he received hard words, but he never gave up his missionary work.

Our work in Chikwizo Reserve needs the prayers of the people in all the districts of our Conference. One day Jesus said to His Disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few."

The Committee went to Chikwizo on the 25th of March, 1955. Before they went, they first saw the Native Commissioner at Mtoko to ask about the application that had been made in July, 1954, asking for 100 acres for a Mission site. The Native Commissioner said the letter had been answered from Salisbury, and the answer was not in our favour as the place did not have enough water for a Mission. He advised the members of the Committee to improve the present school buildings as a Kraal school and to improve the water situation,

and also he told us to go to Salisbury to see the officers of the Education Department. He said that if the Education Department would agree, he would be willing to give us a place for a Mission in Chikwizo.

On the 25th the Committee went to Chikwizo to see the Chief and his people about making bricks to put up school buildings and staff houses. The Chief was present at the meeting, and we agreed upon the making of bricks and that the Kraal Heads should lead the people in this work. The African Missionary Society promised to send forms for moulding the bricks and two drums, which they did immediately. They also promised to pay the builder for his work and to buy iron for the roof.

After two or three weeks, we received a report from our Missionary stating that the Chief and his people had had a meeting and that they had agreed to our proposals, and they requested a meeting with the officers of Ngariende.

There is one aided school with three teachers. Our Missionary is the Head teacher, and we very much need a trained teacher to carry on the school so that our Missionary can give his full time to pastoral work. There are more

than a hundred children attending the school this year.

There is a Church building which is used as a school building, but we are still planning to build a school. There is great need for an evangelist to help in promoting the work of the Kingdom of God in Chikwizo.

There is a clinic with one staff nurse. The clinic is not very large so the superintendent has suggested to the Ngariende that we let the nurse teach and work in the clinic at times arranged outside of school hours. We thank sister Jones for the help she has given in running our clinic.

The chairman and the treasurer went to Salisbury to see the Government authorities about the site for a Mission. Mr. Smith said we cannot open a boarding school at the old place because of the lack of water. If we want a new place we will have to close the present one, because we are not allowed to open any new schools because of the percentage of trained teachers being below that required by the Government. He mentioned the time he had come to our Conference to speak about the need for a Teacher training Centre in the northern section of our work. We are now planning to see the Native Commissioner at Mtokoto discuss the matter further with him.

The Committee have not been able to find the records kept by the different workers. We therefore ask the auditing Committee to audit the books each year as they used to do. Gratitude was expressed to the Wadzimai for their help in the work of Chikwizo.

The officers approved for the coming year are as follows:-

Executive Committee:

Chairman: J. Kawadza

Vice- " Rev. J. Chitombo

Secretary: S. Kowo, Assistant

Secretary: L. Mandizha

Treasurer: Rev. J. Chidzikwe

Members of Committee:-

Cleopas Madzimbamuto

William Maibaya

Solomon Pawiramaunzi

Enoch Chieza

Joseph Makuto

John Masosonore

Rev. Enoch Munjoma.

Timothy Nyakunu

An inventory was made of the various building and equipment items owned by the Ngariende.

Simon Kowo, Secretary.

#### Board of Evangelism

A minister was called on the telephone one night by another minister and this was his message, "My Church is on fire." The minister nearly got a shock before he realised his fellow - minister did not mean the building but the people; the Holy Spirit had fallen. When we review the past 4

years we wish it could be said of our Church in Rhodesia "We are on fire." Let us remind ourselves of the testing words in Rev. 2: 15, "I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were either cold or hot; because you are luke-warm I will spew you out of my mouth." We are afraid we at least have to confess that our Church is not on fire. We agree with Bishop Hagen, "We are not satisfied." We have seen the good results of our Conference Evangelistic team, in our Women's Annual Meetings and the growing progress of Wabvui Bands, the rising influence of M.Y.F. on the young people in the conference area, and the outstanding work done through the Women's Bible Schools, and the statistics tell us that we have gained at least 60 new preaching places and have an increase of about 1,200 Christian families, and that the offerings are on the way up but looking at the other side, we see the lack of real consecration on the part of the Church in supporting the ministry. Especially the young people feel the Church is not in earnest in promoting the ministry. The Church seems to care more for the educational part of the work more than for the Spiritual side. We see

the lack "of following up" of revival meetings after the Evangelistic team has gone. At too many places, the congregations seem to sit back and take a rest, waiting for the team to come back and get the fire started again. We seem to see a cold spell as a natural followup. We regret that the goal of doubling the membership has not been by any means reached. We also see and feel that real Bible teaching is not given enough place in our educational work. We therefore, recommend:

1. A prayer campaign for our ministry throughout September every year in the Quadrennium 1956 - 60.

2. That the faculty at our Theological School through personal visits in our Districts and Centres promotes a greater interest in this vital part of the work of the Church.

3. Bible Schools for men Annually here at our Seminary at Old Umtali.

4. Special Bible-Weeks and Activity-Weeks at our Centres and Centre Schools.

5. That the "Ten Commandments" be used as texts for sermons; one used each month.

6. That someone be appointed as Counsellor at our Central Primary, and Higher Training Schools,

7. That Bible Correspondence Courses be a part of our urgent work during this Quadrennium.

8. That 5.000 new members be our goal for the next four year.

9. That we put an all-out effort on the Evangelism and Literature work and consecrate ourselves to this task.

10. That the following list for Women's Bible Schools be approved:-

1956

May 3-13, Nyamaropa

May 17-27, Muradzikwa

May 31-June 10, Nhedziwa, Mutambara

June 13-24, Mt. Makomwe

June 27-July 8, Salisbury

Sept. 6-16 Mtoko

Sept. 20-30 Nyadiri

Oct. 4-14 Mrewa

Oct. 18-28 Headlands.

We further recommend:-

1. The maintenance of the full work of the Conference teams for Evangelistic and and pastoral extension work throughout the quadrennium.

2. The establishment of Evangelistic centres in the Tanda-North Inyanga region.

3. The provision of short training courses at the Theological School for all Evangelists now in service.

4. The preparation of plans for the widest possible distribution of the Bible in the new orthography as soon as printed.

5. Continued efforts to secure African school superintendents to enable the Church Superintendents to give greater attention to the life of the Church.

6. Regular, carefully planned out-reach of all African and Missionary workers at the Centres to the Communities around.

Somebody asked a minister, "Do you have special revival meetings in your Church?" He replied, "No, because all of our meetings are revival." We pray to God that this may be the case in every Church in Rhodesia.

J. Chidzikwe.

#### Board Of Lay Activities

Since the administration of the Lord's Supper is one of the most effective revival occasions in our Church, we feel that the administration of it should be more than the existing 4 times per annum, preferably once a month in all of our Church stations.

This could be done at the discretion of the Pastor in charge, but we recommend strongly, that this be done at each station as far as possible.

#### Board of Ministerial Training and Conference Relations

Besides the items regarding the regular promotion of ministers and the answering of the disciplinary question, the Board enacted the following



business:

1. A letter of retirement was received from Rev. O. Chimonyo. It is with regret that the Conference is asked to accept the the retirement of Rev. Chimonyo due to his ill health and consequent inability to carry on. We recommend that Philip Chieza be put on the retired list. He has given 27 years of service.

2. The Mtoko District has recommended Mr. D. Mudzengerere as a candidate for the Ministry His name is accepted and referred to the Theological School Advisory Committee.

3. We recommend that Davison Chikosi be given another year in the supernumery relationship. He has assured the Board that he will be able to meet his obligations by that time and re-enter the ministry next year.

4. The following candidates were approved to take studies toward local Ordination: H. Mafunga, Joel Gwara, Wm. Karumazondo.

5. We request the Conference secretary to make consession arrangements on the Railroad for all ministers traveling to Conferences and other official meetings.

6. In co-operation with the Board of Evangelism setting the month of September as a month of prayer for recruits

for the ministry we would recommend that the last Sunday in September be placed on the Church calendar as the Sunday for a special presentation of the ministry to our Church.

7. Dr. Harold DeWolf's schedule was discussed. The plans made will be placed in the Church Calendar and announced by post.

1. September 5-11--Agricultural Conference, Waddilove

2. Sept. 12-Oct. 3, Old Umtali and Umtali

3. Oct. 4 - - 6, Methodist Council, Salisbury

4. Oct. 11 - 23, School for approved Supply pastors and Evangelists.

5. Nov. 1 - 15, Local Preachers' School.

6. Feb. 8-23, Pastors' School.

7. March - April Interdenominational Work, etc.

#### Board of Temperance Report

1. Rev. N. Chigubu was elected chairman; Rev. S. W. Munjoma, Secretary.

2. We report that no competition was held because no money for prizes was received.

The competitions were to be about the evils of tobacco and liquor.

3. We report that Dr. Nutting did not prepare a booklet on temperance; therefore, we kindly request that Miss Reitz have the booklet,



“Pfumvu Ye Kumiwa kune Simba” reprinted.

4. We ask Miss Reitz to find more material on temperance for distribution in the Conference.

5. We ask that temperance lessons be taught at pastoral schools and at leaders’ meetings in the circuits; also that religious education workers teach temperance lessons.

6. We ask that on Temperance Sunday (the third in November) that Sunday School lesson be on temperance, also.

7. We ask all preachers to remind their people to bring the booklet, “Pfumvu Ye Kumiwa kune Simba” to Sunday School on Temperance Sunday.

#### B. Report of Commissions

1. Worship and Music
2. Finance

#### Com. on Worship and Music

a. Our deep concern for the improvement of the quality of worship services leads us to urge the more careful and reverent reading of the Vernacular Bible. We urge that the speed used by the leader of responsive readings be suited to the congregation, not being so fast as to rule out a large part of those present. Also, that the pastor ahead of time invite the best possible reader to lead the congregation in the response. Also, that opportunity should

be taken in informal services of the church to lead in the reverent and understanding reading of hymns as well as the improvement in singing.

b. We recommend that prayers not be interpreted, each person praying in the language he desires to use.

c. It is pleasing that so many of the church choirs, at both outstations and centers, are using an increasing number of vernacular songs in the church services.

d. We should like to discourage the interspersing of English words and phrases in Shona sermons.

e. The sub-committee on the Taylor Memorial Bells reported on the programme for the dedication of five memorial bells (See sheet herewith.)

The committee recommends that:

1. Our Conference Secretary write a letter of thanks to the members of the John A. Taylor family.

2. The sub-committee on the Taylor Memorial Bells be continued.

f. We recommend that the Conference Committee for Music be selected and the members notified at as early a date as possible.

J. Machiri, Chm. E. Chieza, Sec.

#### Commission on Finance

1. We recommend the name

of Rev. H. F. Anfinson, as Conference Treasurer.

2. We recommend the following Conference Assessments:-

a. Episcopal Fund: one and one-half percent of Pastoral support.

b. Conference Administration.....£ 20.

c. Accepted Supply Pastor's Relief £ 1 to be paid by the circuit for each Supply Pastor.

d. General Administration Fund.....£ 20.

e. Central Conference Fund.....£150.

f. Conf. Journal..... £60.

g. Conf. Secretary £ 20.

h. Conf. Treasurer £ 3.

i. Travel to Conf.....£ 60.

j. Travel for African District Superintendents.....£160.

k. Travel for Conference Lay Leader..... £ 30.

l. African District Superintendent's salary assistance £90.

m. Gen. Conf. Delegate, replacement:

One half of salary: £72

Incidental expenses: 28 £100.

3. We recommend that we ask the Field Committee to contribute £ 40 toward the cost of the Conference minutes

4. In reply to the request from the Northern Section of the African Christian Convention that the Conference consider providing cars for the African District Superintendents and assistant District Superintendents, we report

that our Conference does not yet supply the salaries in full of the travelling ministry, but we look forward to the time when that will be possible and at that time such a request as this might well be considered, but at present we do not feel that it is even possible of consideration.

#### C. Reports of Committees

1. Interdenominational Rel.

2. Medical Activities

3. Auditing

4. Urban Areas

5. Student Loans

6. Resolutions

7. Memoirs

#### Interdenominational Relations

1. The committee accepted the recommendation of the Methodist Council about Higher Teacher Training and Secondary Education:-

That "in the immediate future Higher Teacher Training should be provided at Wadilove and Secondary Education at Old Umtali to serve both Synod and the Conference students at this end of the country. A quota and an exchange of ten students is suggested recognizing that this is too small to satisfy our needs.

2. The committee accepts the recommendation of the Methodist Council about the development of the Joint Christian Centre in Salisbury, and recommends that it be under the supervision of the Methodist Council and con-

firms the appointment of the following persons as Conference representatives:- Bishop Newell S. Booth, Revds. S. Chieza, M. Murphree, E. Aeschliman and Miss Ball.

3. The Committee accepts the Methodist Council's resolution that we proceed with the program of Joint Theological Training as presented in their report as follows:

a. This Council favours the proposal that Ministerial Candidates should be enabled to take a B. A. degree. Revd. H. J. Lawrence was requested to make enquiries concerning probable University fees.

b. This Council agrees to press that a faculty of Divinity be established in the University as soon as possible.

c. This Council is of opinion that the training of candidates for the Ministry for both branches of the Methodist Church should be carried out jointly, and that Ministerial training should be at Epworth and the training of Evangelists at Old Umtali.

d. This Council is of the opinion that such joint training should be begun in January 1959.

e. This Council agrees that a committee of 10 - 5 from the Conference and 5 from the Synod - be appointed to work out all necessary details including buildings, curriculum ect.. The Rev. H. J.

Lawrence shall in consultation with Bishop Booth arrange the first meeting of the committee at the end of September or the beginning of October during the visit of the Field Secretaries from England and America. Conference delegates suggested Salisbury the meeting place.

4. The Committee recommends that a presentation be made of the factors in involved in the relationship between St. Andrew's and the Conference and the possible relationship of St. Andrew's and the Synod.

5. The Committee makes the following recommendation as a reply to the request of the S. A. G. M. local staff that we make available one of the new block schools at Nyanyadzi for their care and development as they are now able to take care of it.

Reply: a. We believe that their should be a unified school system under one administration at Nyanyadzi and therefore do not recommend the admission of another school supervisor in the community. b. We welcome their spiritual fellowship and extend to them the facilities for instructing their Bible classes and visiting the school informally and invite their participation and support in the life of the Church,

c. We do however believe

it unwise to change the nature of the present work and encourage them to propagate the work of their schools and church where they are already established in the adjoining Nyanyadzi development.

**Film Library:** The attention of the Conference is drawn to the fact that the film library of the Southern Rhodesia Christian Conference is now in operation as presented in the minutes of the Methodist Council of April 21st 1955 and this committee recommends further that a grant be made for the development of the film library.

This was referred to the Field Committee for action.

#### Medical Activities

We appreciate the many gifts made locally in support of our Babyfolds at Nyadiri and Old Umtali.

A special musical program was planned and given by teachers visiting Nyadiri, and a small admission charge brought a gift of £4-0-0 for our Babyfold.

A visiting group from the Anglican Church made a contribution to Old Umtali Babyfold.

We believe that Babyfold Sunday should be observed more widely throughout the Conference and recommend that letters be sent from the 150 centers to remind people

about Babyfold Sunday and also supply information that would serve to stimulate interest in giving.

In correction of a statement made last Conference, we wish to say that the Conference Rukwadzo is paying the salary of the Nurse working at Chikwizo Clinic.

It was recommended that we place more emphasis on Health education (Hygiene, prevention, nutrition) to be carried out in the following ways:

1. Teaching in the schools as well as the other group classes or instruction being carried out.

2. Emphasis on Health teaching in our School of Nursing, the General, and the Midwife course.

3. Increasing efforts in ante-natal and well-baby clinics with our mothers' classes.

We recommend that Midwifery experience for our students be confined to the Nyadiri Hospital area, and that we establish more antenatal and well-baby clinics in nearby areas in connection with the Midwifery Course.

It was also recommended that we take post Std. 6 students in nursing in 1956, adding six months to the three-year General Nursing Course plus the one year Midwifery.

Secondary students will receive preference and they will



have only the usual three year course.

We are still hoping to have enough Secondary Students for the class in 1957.

### Auditing Committee

The books of the following organizations were audited and found to be correct and in order:

1. The Conference Treasurer, funds on hand---£727-13-4 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. African Christian Convention, North-----44-16-1 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. African Christian Convention, South 71-9-5 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. African Missionary Society---672-6-9
5. Rukwadzano rwe Wadzimai---- 1431-11-3
6. M. Y. F.---- 136-16-4
7. Honde District-- 60-8-9
8. Umbowo books were not submitted for audit.
9. Salisbury Methodist Church books were not available for audit.
10. The Salisbury Church Building Fund books were audited in May and it was thought unnecessary to audit them again at this time.

### Urban Areas Report

1. A.P.T.A. has been formed at Mutanda School, Sakubva. Most of the members and officers are Methodists.
2. We urge the increased

emphasis on the raising of funds for the Salisbury Church through the committee appointed last year. If the evangelistic teams be continued, they should spread this word.

3. We recommend that the Church through its Superintendent keep in touch with the development at the Muradzikwa area. We also recommend that all Superintendents keep in touch with potential developments of townships.
4. We wish to continue to cultivate the people from the Portuguese Territory. We look forward to the time when the Church can employ a full time worker with the people from the Portuguese Territory.
5. The matter of securing a site for a Chapel in Sakubva is being considered and we expect a definite statement by next Conference.
6. We as an Urban Committee feel the new MacKinnou Hall at the Hostel, Umtali is a big addition to our Christian work.
7. We heartily approve the joint Christian Center at Harare and pledge our support.
8. We would like to call the attention of the Inter-



denominational Relations Committee to the great need for replacing the former evangelist for shepherding our people at Bulawayo, by co-operating with the Synod.

9. We express concern over our people at Johannesburg and wish to inquire if work is being done or could be done there.

#### Report on Student Loans

1. In 1955, 24 students received student loans and £233 were spent.
2. For 1956, 41 students have applied. We, as a committee, refuse to accept those who have been teaching. They should have money for their fees. Also, we refuse to accept those who are weak scholastically. If the 34 we accept tentatively now, pass their present standard, £430 will be needed. The report of the Conference Treasurer shows that about £164 remained in the Student Loan Fund on August 1st. We shall need about £266 more in the fund by next January.
3. We want to thank Mr. T. Roberts and Dr. Sherertz for his recent help. He typed lists of those who have received student loans and sent those lists to the people concerned. No doubt, more loans have been repaid as the result. (The secretary receiv-

ed more money than usual to send on to the treasurer.)

4. We recommend that headmasters, headmistresses, principals, and district superintendents not sign student loan application forms unless they are sure the students are worthy as far as character and need of financial help are concerned.

5. We elect L. Phaff Secretary of the Student Loan Committee to take H. Wildermuth's place. The past secretary is due to go on furlough in 1956.

6. We nominate Miss F. Hackler as the sixth member of our committee to fill the vacancy left. We ask the Conference to elect her, or someone else they prefer.

The following officers were approved:-

E. Chieza, Chairman, L. Pfaff, Secretary, Conference Treasurer, J. Rugayo, O. Musingwini, F. Hackler.

#### Resolutions Committee

We have had the unusual privilege this year of having with us Bishop and Mrs. Odd Hagen of Norway. For their presence and leadership we give thanks. For his messages of devotion we are grateful as we have been led to a deeper understanding for the need of a full surrender to God.

For the leadership of Bishop Booth as he has counselled and

contributed to our discussions, and for the presence of Mrs. Booth and the fellowship we have had together, we express our sincere appreciation. It has also been a pleasure to have with us Dr. and Mrs. DeWolf of Boston University. For these and others who contributed greatly to our devotional life we express our gratitude. We have gained a better understanding of the unity of our Methodist Church by the presence and participation of the fraternal delegates from the Synod.

There are many who have worked to make our week comfortable and enjoyable. To those who planned and arranged for food and housing, those who were responsible for music, for secretarial assistance, social teas, and the most enjoyable Reception in honor of our Bishops we also express our appreciation.

Throughout the week we have been called to remember the inspiration which we received through the meetings and times of meditation on the opening day of Retreat. The Tower Chimes, too, have added to the worshipful atmosphere of the entire Conference. Let us give thanks

to God for His continued presence with us.

### Memoirs

Silas Katsidzira was born at Old Umtali in 1923, and attended school there from 1933 to 1942. From there he went to Kilnerton Institute, South Africa, from 1946 to 1951. His death occurred at Makumbe hospital, 30th Sept., 1953, and he was buried at Makumbe.

A letter from Samuel Tso-potsa tells of word received from Rev. R.C. Gates that this Conference plans to provide a tombstone for the grave of Rev. Faku, who died and was buried in the Union of South Africa. He was a Minister of this Conference for a number of years, but retired in the Union.

Mr. Tso-potsa, who is at Fort Hare, says he has finally located the grave of Rev. Faku and urges the Conference to deal with this matter very soon, if such is the intention because the grave may be very difficult to locate in the future. He offers to supply all necessary information,

## D. Report of Conference Treasurer

The following is the Financial Statement and Report of the Conference Treasurer for the period from July, 26th. 1954 to August 1st. 1955.

	Received	Expended
Cash on hand July 26th. 1954	1013. 4. 0.	
Ministers' Pension Funds:-		
From Publishing House	49.17. 9.	
From Bd. of Pensions.	19.14. 4.	
From Circuits	135. 0. 0.	
Interest	132. 13. 9.	
From Ministers	85. 0. 0.	422. 5. 10.
Conference Treasurer	2.12. 6.	637.17. 6d
Student Loans Fund	176. 9. 1.	4.14. 0.
Conference Journal	84. 0. 0.	244. 2. 6.
Accepted Supply Relief Fund	12. 0. 0.	85. 0. 0.
Ministers' Conference Travel	53.15. 0.	12. 0. 0.
Episcopal Fund	42.12. 0.	62. 3. 0.
General Administration Fund	18. 8. 6.	34. 4. 0.
Conference Secretary	17. 1. 0.	15. 0. 6.
Conference Administration	39. 10. 9.	40. 0. 0.
Manica - Sofala Work	- - -	3.18. 0.
Assistant District Supt. Travel	65. 16. 7.	6.19.10½
Lay Leader Travel	13. 0. 6.	120. 0. 0.
Conference Assesment O'payment		20. 0. 0.
Chiduku North	10. 0.	
Funds on hand August 1st. 1955		727.12.4½
	£2013. 12. 9.	£2013. 12.9

The following are the Conference Assets:-

Cash on Hand	727. 13. 4½
Board of Pensions	600. 0. 0.
Stocks and Bonds.	6289. 0. 0.
Gen. Conference Delegate Travel	5. 19. 1.
Gen. Conference Delegate Salary	24. 16. 3.
Student Loan Accounts.	888. 1. 4.
Conference Lay Leader	6.19. 6.
Conference Journal	16. 9. 9.
	8558.19. 3½

The following are the Conference Liabilities:-

Strong Room	18. 0. 0.
Retired Workers Fund	24.11. 7.
Savings uncalled for	5.15. 6.
Accepted Supply Relief Fund	543.15. 7½

Overpayments to Student Loan	3.10. 0.
Loan Account	888. 1. 4.
Central Conference	101.16. 7.
Conference Secretary	4. 6.
Conference Administration	35.18. 6.
Conference Treasurer	2.16. 11.
Ministers' Pension Fund	6738. 7. 5½
Conference Board of Education	20.18. 0.
Overpayment, Chiduku North	10. 0.
Student Loan Fund	163. 9. 3½
Assistant District Superintendent Travel *	4. 2. 1
Minister's Conference Travel	7. 1.11.
	8558.19. 3½

Mrewa Mission 1st. August, 1955.

Arnold R. Boucher.

Conference Treasurer

#### E. Various Reports

1. Composite Reports of Superintendents
2. Literature and Stewardship
3. Lay Leader

#### Superintendent's Composite Reports

Bishop Hagen, Bishop Booth Conference Members, Fellow-workers, and guests:

We have put our hands to the plow, furrows have been made and the Lord's Acre in Southern Rhodesia is being tilled. We, your appointed Superintendents, would hope that we might be pardoned for a short 'backward look,' as we also plan for the future at this session of our Annual Conference.

We are sure that the blessings of God are upon all for His workers, for there has

been a very good Christian Spirit of co-operation, working together, and of understanding one another, in the local churches, and in the Quarterly Conference meetings. There have, of course, been many hard problems, both on the level of the local church, and on District and Conference wide levels, but with courage, prayer, sacrifice, forgiveness, and service, we have been able to go forward unto this day of accounting.

Our ministers report that there have been the usual Camp meetings, special Sunday services for special days, Christmas and Easter Season meetings, Quarterly Conferences, Class Meetings, Sunday Schools, M.Y.F., Wabvui, and Rukwadzano rwe Wadzimai meetings and conferences; and



that through these media the Church continues to go forward. The day by day routine pastoral ministry of our 'circuit riders' mile after mile over mountain, through sand and mud and river by bicycle, visiting homes, clinics, schools, local preachers; making out preaching plans, conducting weddings, funerals, baptisms, attending unending meetings; each and every one of these phases of the work of our ministers adds to the fire of the spirit in the hearts of God's people, and our ministers are to be commended for their continuing effort, that their flock might have the best guidance and leadership they are able to give. We continue to praise God for the weekly pulpit ministry of our local preachers and stewards in every village, who regularly and continually extend the voice of the circuit ministers a hundred - fold every Sunday. God's blessings have been upon his ministers, and the members whom they serve in His Kingdom.

We again express spiritual gratitude for the evangelistic leadership and training being provided for the circuits by our Conference Evangelistic teams. In each community where a campaign has been conducted, the work has become much stronger. Miss

Tubbs, with her staff, has conducted many more excellent Bible Training Schools for our women, who have then returned to their more remote villages to be better leaders for their groups there. We sincerely hope that these programs may be continued in the future.

The Sunday School work of the Conference is receiving a great boost, with the addition of trained workers in Religious Education for each District. The program of training for these workers is greatly appreciated, and their leadership is sorely needed in nearly every one of our villages. This new program is underway with a good start. Let us all give it a 'helping hand' in every way possible' that our people may be a 'people of the book', and know the facts of their faith, through organized and supervised study in our Sunday Schools. We also express appreciation to the writers of our Sunday School lesson leaflets, and urge each village to make wider use of these papers in their classes in the Sunday School.

The increasing acceptance by our workers, of places of leadership in the work of the Church, and over-all administration, is paying dividends that are not to be over-looked



today, and that will shine out above much in the future. The wider understanding of our work, as seen by the African members of the Field Committee, and the larger service being given by our Nyadiri Superintendent, and our Assistant Superintendents to their own people, have caused the people to sit up and take notice that they are responsible for much of the direction of the work of the Church, and the very life of the Church is taking on new spiritual strength as a result. Better understanding of new phases of our program has been a direct result, where these workers have been privileged to serve.

Several Districts have had District Conferences, or leaders meetings, which have been very helpful in the organization and carrying out of the District program. The Christian Activity Week as the spiritual high-light of the year on the Mutambara campus, with guest speakers bringing inspirational messages about the various vocations open to the students. Stress was laid on the ministry, and on teaching.

The work of Conference Lay Leader has been very helpful in getting the Districts properly organized with Lay officers. He has travelled

widely through the Conference area, and has spoken to many groups. His desire to promote Stewardship and tithing, and his messages on this topic have been fruitful, and appreciated by the ministers and the leaders of the circuits. Our people have seen a great light, and are trying to walk by it; they are walking better and better as they learn more and more of the Way. We feel that the Holy Spirit is at work in all of our areas, and that God is richly blessing our efforts. To Him be the honour and glory for the success of our work.

No longer have we Kraals over the country-side, but villages, each with its own Church and school. Buildings are rising up rapidly for these, so many villages so many buildings that it is impossible in this report to mention them individually. People are either burning bricks, digging foundations, collecting money for builders, or gathering poles for roof supports, almost everywhere one can turn to in the Conference area. Our people are doers of the Word, and not hearers only.

New Church buildings have been completed, or are under construction at Muziti, Ndingi, Sherukuru, Vumbunu, Buwu, Zinyembe, Mukahanana, Chitenderano, Chiduku, Tikwiri, Mhanda, Chirinda, Mafarari-

kwa, Mandiambira, Macheke, Chikore, Mugadza, Maramba, and in the Nyadiri District 4 new Churches are under construction in the Uzumba Circuit, 4 more are being built in the Nyadiri Circuit, and 2 more in the Nyadiri East Circuit. The Nyadiri East Circuit has nearly finished a new parsonage for their minister, and the Uzumba circuit is building 2 minister's houses. A new parsonage is being built for the minister of the Gandanzara Circuit, and the parsonage of the Marange North Circuit has been completely rebuilt, greatly helped by the minister's ability as a builder.

Many new classrooms have been built throughout the Conference, new teachers houses, new latrines, industrial class-rooms, and better school facilities in general, are to be seen as one travels from Nyanadzi to the Ruwenya River. The new staff houses at Old Umtali were said to be the very finest in the Colony, by a leading Government official. Mutambara boys' dining room had been redecorated, and made into a convertible auditorium - dining room combination, and plans are under way for a social hall - auditorium for the Mutambara School. The new Mission site at Nyamazwi is waiting only for a builder to arrive, that build-

ings might spring up to serve that area. Mtoko is planning to erect a large new Church at the Centre, to meet the increasing need there. Arnoldene is awaiting only their status before proceeding with a large building. Glenada has completed a new teacher's building. The new Theological Building, staff and student housing, and the final completion of the Teacher Training and Beit Hall, and the Treasurer's office, put Old Umtali on the map distinctly. The new hall at the African Girls' Hostel in Umtali in honour of Miss MacKinnon, will fill a great need. Nyakatsapa is completing an 8 room teacher's house, and starting on the large new Church. Mutambara has added some new teacher's houses to its campus. Practically all of this new building is being done on a permanent basis, using properly burned brick, and a permanent roof of Asbestos or Iron.

The new Hospital at Nyadiri is well under way, with a Dormitory for Maternity mothers having been completed. The first unit - medical and surgical ward - of the new hospital is rising rapidly, and the Hospital Chapel will be started in September. The erection of the Opportunity Fund - Staff house has helped

to supply better housing for the School staff. Pupil housing at the Nyadiri Girls' School Boarding has been much improved.

We have reviewed briefly the spiritual and physical aspects of our work, but what about the mental or educational? New classes have been opened in many of our village schools, thus lifting up the level of our academic training in the country-side. Also the new Standard 4 class at Nyanadzi deserves special mention. We regret the decision of the Educational Department of the Government to refuse the opening of an new Standard IV classes in 1956, some of our villages having made complete and final preparations to receive their Std. IV class next year.

Plans are going forth for the opening of the Cambridge course of study at Old Umtali, as soon as possible, and plans have tentatively been made for a higher course in Theological Training in the future. Certain outstanding and qualified students have been recommended for scholarship training in Universities abroad, and others are presently studying in England. We rejoice that higher training is becoming available for our people, and only await the day when we can receive them back into

our midst, highly trained, fully qualified, and desirous of being the Leaders of their own people spiritually and academically.

The academic education of the children of the Conference area continues to develop, and to be both a very great blessing, as well as a considerable burden in many ways. It is both a wonderful opportunity being utilized, and a hindrance often recognized in the spiritual development of our people. The hindrance is capitalized by the constant increase in governmental regulations over our schools and teaching staff, which requires more and more supervision with less and less remuneration, and tends to pull our pastor teachers away from the spiritual service, unto the secular service as a government servant under the Mission. This fact is lamentable.

One cannot deny that in many ways our teachers recognize that they are serving two masters, and that they are prone to oftentimes lean toward considering themselves as servants primarily of the government because of its financial support for their salaries, even the even that does pass through Mission hands before reaching them. They fail too often to recognize the great weight of the burden

that the Mission is carrying for the school system, that the Government cannot pretend to try to carry. However, many are still truly 'pastor-teachers' in the fullest sense of the term, and serve the Church fully 7 days each week with very strong spiritual leadership. Some of our teachers are our best lay preachers, and their names appear on preaching plans as often as that of the minister. For those, we are truly thankful.

The crying need everywhere is for more trained teachers, who are also spiritual leaders. Both qualities are essential and these are needed in every village in our work. The new regulation of the Field Committee will, we hope, enable our Conference soon to be above the Government ban, and we will have a higher percentage of trained teachers, aided by the larger facilities of our new teacher Training building at Old Umtali. However, Missionary staffing would seem to enter greatly into this picture at the present moment.

The evangelistic work of the Wabvui here deserves a place of recognition. Working constantly within their own locale, each group has been a strengthening factor of note in most circuits. But in the larger evangelization of

out-lying areas, they have done much that might well not yet have otherwise been done. The Inyanga North area of Katerere has been the target of Wabvui bands from the Chikore -- Tanda circuit and the Nyakatsapa Circuit, and the voice of Christ is being heard in that area through their labours, and personal determination to 'bring others to Christ, and to seek out the lost.'

All parents eventually look forward to the time when their child will become self-supporting. The Methodist Church is no exception, and that time is coming nearer every year. The increasing of the salary schedule for Church workers, at Conference last year was a venture in faith, taken to correspond with the governmental increase for teachers. That venture was not in vain, the faith was good, and brought forth fruits worthy of commendation, in many places. Several circuits have paid their ministers and evangelists on the new scale and remain with a credit balance. Other circuits still have some way to go to do this, but they are well on the road to full payment. The new scale has been met on most districts with keen interest and great effort. The lone exception to this is part of the Mutambara District, where



two circuits paid in full, but four circuits refused to comply to the vote of the Annual Conference. They disregarded their annual Conference representative's vote, and considered themselves isolated groups, in spite of representation. Their superintendent states that there is need for more stewardship - education, and motivation to Church giving for these people. We, your Superintendents, believe that this new step has basically been a strengthening factor and recommend that it be retained for further trial and observation, on behalf of our traveling ministry.

The Mtasa - Makoni, Marange - Chiduku, and Mutanbarra Districts now have African treasurers for each circuit and Quarterly Conference, and all Church monies are handled and proper books are kept by them. The Nyadiri District has this year started a "Common Pool" system of finance, with a District Financial Committee being set up composed of 7 Africans and 3 Missionaries. Nyadiri District also uses the pledge card system of stewardship for their budgeting. This release of treasurership to the African constituency, and their handling of their own Church monies, has led to a clearer understanding of financial

needs, expenditures and obligations, and has created a fine spirit of understanding between the leaders and the people in all districts where it has been done.

Regarding the organization of our work, and work areas, it is the sincere hope of your Superintendents that the Conference area can be redistricted, changing district boundaries so as to give better supervision to our work, and more equal supervision to all areas, including the presently neglected ones. We urge that if at all possible, the decisions concerning changing of boundaries be decided upon at this session of the Annual Conference. Within present Districts, circuit re-organization has been tentatively planned for within the Maranke circuits and the Mtasa circuits.

There is evidence of a new interest in the work of our Church by various European groups. In the Headlands circuit, Mai Choto has organized a group of Women's Clubs, assisted by Mrs. J. R. Clark, a European neighbour lady, and this movement is lifting up the standard of homecraft in those villages. They were able to organize an outstanding homecraft show recently, which was judged by the wife of Chief Mangwende, and Mrs. Fitzpatrick. At Mtoko,



the friendly European Sports Club presents a monthly bioscope at the Mission for the pupils, and they are interested to see the good discipline and the intelligent appreciation of the audience. In the Christian centre in Umtali, the Toch-H European Club presents a monthly bioscope for the benefit of the African Community there. These cooperative efforts on the part of the European population are indeed appreciated and reflect a growing interest in the work of the Church in those areas.

The Sakubva Christian Centre in Umtali, since its opening last Conference-time, has been a regular beehive of activities. Sunday School classes, Junior Church, M. Y. F., Class Meetings, Wabvui and Rukwadzano rwe Wadzimai meetings are held in the Hall. The Centre has made it possible to have separate classrooms for the Sunday School groups, and also to separate the M.Y.F. into four sections. Many other groups meet in the Centre. Children's meetings for guided recreation are held weekly. Methodist Boy Scout Troops, and a Girl Guide Company have been organized; recreation groups for games are carried on, including shuffleboard, badminton, table tennis, and other games. A Table Tennis tournament

for Adults and Juniors was held. Out-door playground equipment for children has also been installed. There are handcraft classes for boys and girls, sewing classes for women, and cooking classes meet weekly. Concerts and other entertainments are held monthly. Wedding receptions are held in the Centre almost every Saturday. One of the most encouraging features is the participation in the various activities by the teachers from the Government schools. They help in the Sunday School and M. Y. F., and in various other activities. They have organized a Teacher's Discussion Group which meets after the Sunday Service. The teachers are also making good use of the Library and Reading Room facilities. Truly the influence of the Christian Centre is extending into the life of the entire community.

There are at present 130 girls in residence in the African Girls' Hostel in Umtali, with 20 others who claim the Hostel as their home. Plans are under way for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the opening of the Hostel, which will be observed October 8th. At that time the new MacKinnon Hall will be dedicated. A very impressive service was held on April 3rd, when the foundation Stone Laying for

the new MacKinnon Hall was done by Bishop Raines, with Mrs. Raines being present. The Hall is nearing completion, and work has already started on the additions to the Hostel dormitories, to give added space for more future residents.

The Conference Health Education team, including two African nurses, this year has visited in each of 22 different village schools or Churches for 5 day periods. The people have shown much interest and some have changed some of their diet habits when they have learned a little about the nutritive values of foods. These nutritive values are vividly presented through the media of excellent charts worked out by the team, and drawn by a teacher. The team is also promoting the use of skim-milk and sugar-milk as diet supplements. The response is most heartening. They have found considerable goitre in three of the schools, and now the Govt., as a result, is seeking to make iodized salt available to those areas.

Our medical program at Nyadiri continues to go forward. The addition of a new Missionary nurse to the staff has made possible increased emphasis on the Maternity program there, with gratifying results, especially in the ante-

natal and well-baby clinics. This will also make possible the addition of a special course in Mid-wifery to the Nurses' Training Program, beginning in January of 1956. In the villages, clinics are being held at Chitimbe, Maramba, and Dindi, and also at Chikwizo. Many patients are receiving treatments from these clinics who could not find it possible to come to the Mission or other health centres.

The Medical work at Old Umtali continues in its fine tradition of the past, with many mothers from the surrounding hills coming there for their Maternity services, in preference to the Umtali hospital. The staff is kept busy caring for the routine clinical patients of the School and Mission.

At Mutambara, the Mother Hughes Maternity Hospital, under construction last year, has during this Conference year been completed, and is giving wonderful service to the waiting mothers of the area. Maternity cases are being cared for daily under the very best of conditions, and with the finest equipment available. To improve present facilities for clinical treatment, grounds have been cleared, and construction is under way for a new clinic building.

At Mutambara, the Mission farm continues in its program of providing agricultural training for the boys, as well as a source for feeding the pupils. Both the main farm, and the W.D.C.S. farm have had very good years, and are in full production. European neighbours of our Mission at Mutambara have been attracted by its fine agricultural program, and are planning to conduct their annual Farmers' Day on the Mission Farm there this year.

At Old Umtali, Mr. Henry Ferreira has taken over the management of the Woodlands Farm, and is earnestly endeavoring to put all aspects of that farm onto a financially profitable basis. The farm is again supplying milk to the Mission, with the major farm activities centering on the so-called 'Big-lands' across the river Nyagambu.

At Nyakatsapa, some soil conservation work has been done by the people, under the leadership of Mr. Ferguson Chiorah, the agricultural teacher in the School. Much more such work has been projected by Mr. Dean Manbeck, the new Conference Soil Conservatioist. The New rental rate approved by Field Committee and the Government, will permit our securing a full-time African Dem-

onstrator, who will be able to lead our people there along the paths of righteousness in their farming practices!

The Nyadiri farm has come nearer to paying its way this year than last, but there is still much to learn, and much to be developed. The production potential of this 6,000 acre farm is far from being realized. More and more of the supervision work is being taken over by Mr. M. Nyacoto, leaving the agricultural Missionary free for developing further aspects of the more abundant life.

And so another year comes to a close. We have been the cause of our failures. May we be forgiven. Some achievements and growth have taken place. May God whom we serve be glorified and praised! We have looked back. May we be pardoned. But may we also lood ahead, at this session of our Annual Conference and make such plans as will lead us onward, and upward as we, working together in His service, press on toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Superintendents of the Rhodesia Annual Conference.

Rev. W. Bourgaize  
Rev. J.T. Chitombo

Rev. O. Stine  
Rev. H.D. Griffin  
Rev. J. Nduna  
Rev. H. F. Anfinson  
Rev. C. M. Miller

#### LITERATURE - STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The usual activities of the Literature - Stewardship program have been continued during the past year. We are pleased to note increasing interest of young laymen in seeking reading materials. We are reminded of the message to the prophet Habakkuk after he had received a vision from the Lord. "Write the vision; make it plain upon tablets, so he may run who reads it;" and it spurs us on to try to find ways to provide more and better literature for the use of those young people who are seeking power to run the good race in their spiritual lives. To this end we wish again to urge more of you to put into writing the messages God gives you. A sermon may be heard once, and much of it be forgotten. You multiply the power of your message many fold if you print it and broadcast it among the people.

There is also need for books in other departments of work, Medical, Agriculture, Home-making, etc. The Medical Education Department

has this year published "Kucengeta Nekudya Kwe-wana" (The Care and Feeding of Children). We welcome more such informative materials.

We wish to express our appreciation for the services of those who are helping to solve the problem of distributing literature. But we are calling for more such faithful stewards.

The books published this year are Book II of Daily Light, for the last six months of the year, which sells for 2/9, and a small booklet, "Wonderful Jesus." The usual pictorial calendar came out in December, and some tracts have been printed in coloured pictorial folders which came to us as a gift from friends in America. A card with a message for children has also been printed and distributed. We thank the friends for sending us these useful supplies.

Pictures are indeed one great need. Perhaps some of the missionaries might also help us in providing illustrations for our publications, and that without too much cost or trouble. I am thinking of the cuts various ones have had made for letters and reports sent to America. In many instances doubtless these cuts are then cast aside with no



further use. They can help us a great deal if they can be turned over to our department, and we would be grateful for the loan or gift of any such that you may have on hand.

We are happy at the prospect of putting out a more attractive Umbowo HweuKri-stu during the coming year, partly because of the good gift of £350-0-0 from friends in St. Petersburg, Florida, which has provided some much needed type of a better size than we had before. Other new features will make the paper more desirable than ever, we believe.

Classes in the use of literature and in stewardship were made possible for the Religious Education leaders through the help of Mrs. Culver. More such opportunities for our ministers and workers through the Conference would increase many fold the effective use of the literature that is available. If the teachers are to be as effective as is needful in the Evangelistic program of the Church, would also be helpful if we might have such periods at the time of Teachers' Retreats held in the various districts in December or January.

Working together we hope to produce and distribute

better literature so that many, reading, may run the good race of life.

Respectfully submitted.

B. H. Reitz

#### REPORT ON LAY LEADER

The Conference Lay Activities for the past year have gone forward with great strength. The Leader owes a debt of gratitude to the District Superintendents, Ministers, Mr. Murphree and others who have invited him to speak at various meetings throughout the Conference; as well as to the Hilltop Staff who has released him at various times throughout the year for these duties.

A great need in our Conference is a better understanding on the part of Laymen, of the organization of the Church and the duties of the various Church Officers. Lay Leaders do not yet fully understand their obligations and there is a great need for strong lay leaders. If we wish our Church to be strong, we must have a strong Board of Lay Activities. As yet our lay leaders do not take hold of the leadership responsibilities they have, and they need time and training to talk about lay work at Quarterly Meetings and other meetings. As they learn, they should be given full responsibility of their office,



Our people need greater teaching in the matter of Stewardship regarding the Minister's salary scale. Some districts have coped with the new scale but other districts have not yet been able to meet this obligation.

Next year it is planned to have a District Lay Leader's Conference so that they may have further meetings with the Circuit Lay Leaders, then the Charge Lay Leaders.

#### **Salisbury Urban Church:**

They are trying very hard to conform to the new salary scale. All the organizations are going forward. The local preachers serve 6 preaching places, but the people in Harare are hungry for the Word of God.

#### **Mutambara District:**

The Centre is the only place where the salary scale has been met. There, they are, in addition, extensively repairing the minister's house. Other parts of the District request ministers with less years experience that the salary may be an amount they can pay. Zimunya North Circuit had the privilege of being host to the first Wabvui South meeting.

#### **Mtoko District:**

Giving for the the support of the Pastor and other Church activities has impro-

ved. However, they are very concerned about Sunday sports interfering with the spirit of the Sabbath. They wish uniformity on Church discipline matters and lament that there is not time to teach the people the various pronouncements of the Conference. They urge that their people attend more faithfully the various meetings of the Church.

#### **Mrewa District:**

A great need for training Church Leaders and training in Stewardship is found here.

#### **Nyadiri District:**

People have improved in giving to the Church. This has increased since we began the district pool system controlled by one treasurer. We still look ahead to this part of the year left, to satisfy the needs of our church and our Ministers in the district.

The most inspiring thing in our district is the unity between our ministers and our missionaries in the work of our Lord.

#### **Maranke — Chiduku District:**

The offering which have previously been poor are increasing. There is need for the training of Church leaders in their understanding of their work, but explanations by District and Circuit Lay leaders have help-

ed to a certain extent. There is further need for Stewardship training. The District is a bit behind in the Ngariende fund and in Ministerial support, but they are trying to make this up.

**M'TASA-MAKONI DISTRICT:** Old Umtali and Gandanzara are the only places where the minister's salary is paid in full; the others are all in arrears. They are requesting a Wabvui Day in the Church Calendar.

**UMTALI:** The Church is Spiritual life, stimulated by the Christian Centre. The Lay leadership has been very active as shown by the number of young and old who have been won to Christ. The Church support is paid in full. E. Chieza, Conference Lay Leader.

#### **F. Reports of Council and Societies**

1. African Christian Convention (Northern and Southern Sections)
2. Fishermen's Report
3. Rukwadzano Rwe Wadzimai
4. African Missionary Society
5. Methodist Historical Society
6. The Methodist Council

#### **The African Christian Convention of the Northern Section**

The 27th section (the 4th of the Northern section) of the African Christian Convention of the Methodist Church was held at Chamapango in Mrewa District, July

14 - 17, 1955.

This convention was well attended by delegates and a few people of the community.

Two speakers addressed the convention, Chief Mangwende of Mrewa District spoke on his visit to Europe; what he saw and what he learned.

Mr. J.S. Savanhu, M.P. spoke on the importance of Federal Government. They answered many good questions.

One of our Advisory Members was present, Miss S. King, who took part in many discussions and made helpful suggestions.

The following Resolutions are presented to Conference: Officers for the following year:-

Chairman, Rev J.T. Chitombo  
Vice Chairman, Mr. J. S. Makuto

Secretary, Rev. D. Mushapai-dze

Vice Secretary, Mr. T. Mutemi  
Treasure, Rev. W. Mandiso-dza.

Advisory Members:- Miss S. N. King and Rev. M. J. Murphree. These were confirmed by the Conference.

#### **Resolutions of the Northern Section of the Christian Convention:**

1. So that the people can understand what the work of the Christian convention is and how their contributions

of sixpence per member for the Convention are used, it was voted that a pamphlet containing the resolutions of the Convention and the actions of the Conference on those resolutions be prepared and printed or duplicated in Shona for distribution.

Money for printing these pamphlets should come from the Christian Convention funds and the pamphlets should be sold and the money turned back to the funds of the Convention.

2. Referring to the Conference Journal for 1954, No. 10, page 239, we move that our Conference choose some special workers to give some instruction in Sermon Preparation to Local Preachers.

3. Salisbury Church-- We move that the church in Salisbury be started using the funds on hand to erect a simple building to give us a start and afford a place of worship.

We recommend that a special campaign be organized to secure funds for the Salisbury Church and that our members be encouraged to give generously to provide for the shepherding of our people in Salisbury.

4. Cars for African Superintendents - We request our Conference to consider providing cars for our African Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents in order to facilitate their work and protect their health.

5. It was agreed to request that the Committee on Church Calendar include a special Sunday for Rukwadzano Rwe Wadzimai service.

6. We renew our oft-repeated request for Teacher Training in the Northern Section of our Conference for the following reasons: A. The qualification for teachers is continually being raised so that existing schools cannot be adequately staffed.

B. No new schools can be opened because of the low percentage of trained teachers.

C. Enough promising students who wish to take teacher training to make an entire class are expected to finish Std. VI at Mrewa and Nyadiri this year and a number of unqualified teachers in the Village schools are wishing to enter training also.

7. It was agreed to ask for the appointment of a special committee, composed of members from both sections of

the Christian Convention to study wedding customs in an effort to establish customs that are truly Christian and do away with the non-Christian customs such as the Samukadzi demanding money for going to the bridegroom's home.

8. It was suggested that a constitution be drawn up for the Arican Missionary Society to our guide our missionary and the Committee for the Chikwizo work.

#### **The African Christian Convention. Southern Section.**

The African Christian Convention met July 29 and 30, 1955, at Odzi. Although the numbers attending were small, the maximum being 55, the delegates contributed richly to the discussions with good spirit.

Lectures were given by James, the head orderly of the Odzi Clinic on First-Aid, Mr. A. Kanjanda on "Work Creates Good Homes;" and Mr. E. Chieza on Church Finance and Organization.

Rev. M.J. Murphree opened each day with a very inspiring devotional message. Miss Ball, our Missionary advisor, gave of her help in the discussions of various

questions in the meetings and also was most helpful concerning food and social arrangements. Rev. E.J. Aeschliman sent his apologies as he was on leave. The following resolutions were passed :-

1. We feel that a teacher should not be signed off without the knowledge of the School Committee, Pastor, or parents.

2. We recommend that the Ngariende Society give scholarships to approved candidates who will teach at Chikwizo, and that the Ngariende Society's Executive Council prepare the Scholarship agreement forms.

3. The following Committee were appointed to study the question of "Brotherhood" and to report next year: Rev. Aeschliman, Miss Ball, Rev. Musingwini, Rev. Chimbadzwa, Rev. Chiza, and Mr. E. Chieza.

4. We as a Christian Convention affirm that a guilty person who has once divorced cannot be married in the Church again, according to the 1952 Discipline, paragraph 356.

5. We wish to ask the Conference to discuss the question of the Recognition of African clergymen by the Government. If this Conference approves, we would like this question



sent to the Interdenominational Christian Conference.

6. The explanation of the use of school fees and grants was referred to the Board of Lay Activities and the District Superintendents of the Conference.

7. We feel that more shepherding and protection of its members from other denominations should be given by our Methodist Church.

8. The question of uniformity in Church discipline should be sent to the Central Conference for discussion and clarification.

9. We request that our Field Committee Building Committee make another plan for our prospective Church in Salisbury, as we see that £7700. cannot be raised before the 4 year period expires. Also we ask our people in the Conference to make a strong effort to obtain funds.

10. We recommend that Junior Certificate and Teacher Training boys be strongly urged by ministers and parents to study for the ministry, and we urge Dr. Culver to continue his campaign for cultivation of ministerial candidates throughout the Conference.

We further recommend that we take one more class of Std. VI graduates for ministerial studies.

11. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows and approved by the Conference.

Chairman: Rev. P. Machiri

Vice- „ Rev. M. Mparutsa

Secretary: Rev. R. M. Chiza

Vice- „ Rev. A. Muzorewa

Treasurer: Rev. J. G. Nduna

Members: Mr. E. Chieza,

Mr. P. Dube (Mutambara)

Mr. A. Karumbidza.

Advisory Members: Rev. E. J. Aeschliman, and Miss M. Ball.

R. M. Chiza, Secretary.

#### Wabvuwi Report — Northern Section

Bishop Booth and members of the Conference:—We thank the Lord for this privilege to give our report.

All along the R.R.W. has been doing great work in our Conference. The men of our Conference have thought to do their part in the Lord's vineyard also. It took several years before the men's society came to be a well-organized society.

We had our first big meeting at Chiriga last year in Mrewa District. This year we held our Annual meeting in Nyadiri District on the



30th June, 1955. Many people came to this meeting and many received salvation at the meeting.

Rev. Chitombo conducted the Communion Service. 582 people received the Lord's Supper that Sunday.

**Headlands:** The Wabvuwi visited three people who were very sick who also did not know Christ. But through the testimonies and prayers of the Wabvuwi, these people gave their hearts to Christ and died in the Peace of the Lord.

**Mrewa South:** The Wabvuwi of this circuit helped with 10/- at the death of one of their fellow Fishermen. £2-10-0 was also given to a widow.

**Mrewa East:** The Wabvuwi helped at the funeral of a poor woman who did not have any relatives to help her. They bought a limbo to cover the dead body and helped also with food that was needed. There many testimonies of people who were saved at our circuit meeting.

**Mrewa North:** A widow was helped with 25/-. The Wabvuwi are doing great work going into different homes holding prayer meetings and bringing many to Christ.

**Nyadiri District:** The Wabvuwi of Maramba and Pfunwe are doing much work

in their stations. They visit homes in twos and many a times win new converts. At Quarterly meetings many people give testimonies of the help they received through the Wabvuwi.

D. C. Kumalinga, Chairman  
W. Chieza, Secretary  
J. C. Kazingizi, Vice Chairman,  
P. Kajese, Vice Secretary.  
Mr. Kamuzengeza, Treasurer.

#### **Fishermen's Report—Southern Section**

1. The First Fishermen Annual Assembly of the Methodist Church, Southern Section, met at Rowa, Zimunya Reserve, on Friday 8th to Monday 11th July 1955, with the Chairman, Mr. F. Chipaumire presiding. There were approximately 4,000 people, men and women.

2. Our official speakers were as follows:- Rev. Griffin, Rev. M. E. Culver, Rev. Miller, Rev. J. M. Chimbadzwa, Mr. T. Muringapi, Mr. F. Chipaumire, Mr. E. Chieza, Mr. K. Mundangepfupfu, Rev. Philip Chieza, P. Hassing, Mr. I. Masiya, Rev. M. Muparutsa, Mr. D. Kumalinga from the Northern Section, and one of the Rukwadzano women.

3. The presence of God in our midst was felt by the whole Convention, as many went home witnessing the

same. And the whole atmosphere and the zeal for souls was very strong.

4. Besides the preaching services, the Convention was divided into smaller groups with a leader for each group, so as to give each person a chance to express himself. And the reports from the group leaders were very encouraging.

5. Our chief aim is to serve others and to fish them to Christ. This we do in several different ways--we do personal work and visit the sick and the backsliders.

6. On Sunday the District Superintendent, Rev. Miller, Rev. Griffin and Pastors served the whole Convention with Holy Communion, and 1,065 took the Sacrament, pledging themselves to be loyal to the Lord Jesus.

7. We were honoured by the presence of Chief Zimunya, who, after his introduction by the Chairman, Mr. F. Chipaumire, spoke to the Convention expressing his gratitude for the work done in his Reserve and wished success to the Convention.

8. Officers:

President-- Mr. F. Chipaumire  
Vice President- Mr. I. Masiya  
Secretary- Mr. R. Chitakatira  
Vice Sec.---- Mr. C. Zisengwe  
Treasurer- Mr. M. Chirimbani  
Adviser-- Rev. J. M. Chimba-

dzwa.

Committee Members: Mr. D. Sakutombo, Mr. T. Muringapi, and Mr. I Murapa.

#### **SOUTHERN SECTION REPORT OF THE RUKWADZA-NO RWE WADZIMAI**

Retrospect is always a solemn thing, as there is always much that might have been done, and so little seems to have been accomplished. However, there is a real joy and inspiration to fresh service when we see the manifestation of the Hand of God in the work of years that have past.

**WORK OF BRANCHES:** The following report has been completed from the reports of several branches and information taken from the Executive Committee meeting and the Annual Convention.

**CHIDUKU NORTH:** Six pounds was given towards the cost of the roof for the Church, and two pounds were given for bricks for the Church building. One pound, three shillings was given to a poor woman. The women helped to make bricks for the Head Man's house, and also helped toward its building expenses. Now the Headman is a Probationer in the Church. There are 275 members in this circuit.

**ZIMUNYA NORTH:** Money earned by the women working

in the fields which was added to the treasury was £12. 13. 0. Five shillings was given to help toward the funeral expenses of the Headman. One pound was given to help towards the expenses for four funerals of members of the families of Rukwadzano members. Two Widows were helped in the fields. Gifts and ufu were given to a blind woman at Christmas time, and the harvesting of her garden was done by the members. Three quarter's collection was paid for one member who has been sick for a long time. Ten members of the Rukwadzano teach in the Sunday School, 9 are Class Leaders, and one is a Steward in the Church. There are 383 members in this Circuit.

**NYANYADZI.** Firewood was gathered twice for the patients at the clinic. Twelve new members have been received this year, making a total of 52 members. Ten of the members teach in the Sunday School, 4 are Class Leaders and two are Girl Guide Leaders.

**GANDANZARA CIRCUIT:** £6 18. 6 was given toward the Church Building. Help was given in the fields of the Ishe, and firewood was brought for his wife. Two pounds was given towards the school building. £1. 2. 0. was given to a lame man so that he could go to Mai Chaza. Clothes were

bought for a girl and a man who are sick in their minds. Dishes were bought for a woman whose house burned. Firewood has been gathered for a blind woman. £2 was given to clear up the debt of the Church Offering. There are 303 members in this circuit

**NYAKATSAPA BRANCH:** Six women were converted at one of the District Meetings. £1. 10. 0. was used to buy seeds for the garden of some old people. Weeding, harvesting and collecting of firewood was also done for some aged people. Chief Mtasa's court and yard were cleaned by the women.

**MARANKE - MT. MAKOMWE:** Help was given in buying clothes and books for a lame girl, and food was given to a hungry family, and two tins of millet.

**CHIDUKU SOUTH BRANCH:** Help was given to four members. Nine shillings was given for patients at the Hospital. There are 123 members in this circuit.

**PENHALONGA:** Visits were made for prayer in the hospital and homes. Clothes were given to family whose house had burned.

**MUTAMBARA EAST:** A welcome gift was bought for Mrs. E. S. Johnson, and farewell gift for Sister Sweeney. Greetings and gifts were bought for Sister

Ruth Hanson and Sister Lind. Members visited the Minister's Refresher Course and brought some different kinds of food. This was also done for the M. Y.F. Camp. Two table covers were bought for the Holy Communion Table.

**ZIMUNYA SOUTH:** Twenty visits were made to the sick, 24 visits to non-Christian homes; 12 visits were made in the homes of members weak in their Christian lives; 6 visits were made to the Umtali Hospital. Different members worked in the gardens of sick people and aged people on 18 occasions. Three bags of food were given to the poor. One pound in money and a bag of mealies was given at the time of our Chief's death. £3. was given for the sick and for the sick and for funerals. Ten shillings was given to help Rev. Thomas Maranke build his house. £27 was spent for Church buildings in the Circuit. Grass was cut to thatch one of the Chapels. There are 141 Members, 15 of whom teach in the Sunday School; 5 are Class Leaders, and one member has a Girl Guide Company.

**CHAKOWA:** Help was given in fields at three different times; firewood was gathered for sick people on 5 different occasions; 3 tins of mealies were given to a poor family.

Ten visits were made to homes in the area. Three pounds was given towards buildings in the district. Members are responsible for putting flowers in the Church.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We talked and prayed much about the Salisbury Church and Fifty pounds were set aside for that project. We agreed that each branch should bring £2. 10. 11. to our Annual Convention and this was done. £9. 6. 0. was added from Sunday School funds to the amounts from each branch to make another £50. for the Salisbury Church. Five pounds, ten shillings was given to the orphans; one pound to Rev. O. Chimonyo; one pound, ten shillings was given to Mrs. Ruth Musungwini who was at the hospital.

This is a year of Makorokoto! We have a new baby born called "Programme." Here is the baby (giving program to Bishop Booth) Bishop will see whether it has eyes; arms and legs. All these past few years we have been doing what is of the Africans to be true, to recognize things by head. It was our wish to send this copy to our Bishop and Mrs. Booth before the Annual Convention but this was not possible.

**THE ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
This is a great and glorious



work of God. We praise the Lord for the works of our Lord grow wonderful and more wonderful! It is as true as "Sweeter as the years go by." Delegates present were from the following: American Board Mission, Dutch Reformed, Anglican Methodist Synod, and Mushakata.

Chief Mutambara came on Sunday, he would have come on Saturday but was prevented by a death in his family. He said in his speech, "We must be the branches of one vine; if the vine has many branches some might have sour fruits." This warned us of divisions.

There were seven thousand in attendance at the Meeting and fifty people testified to being born again and many of these were men. Many of us received new love and strength to do our Master's work.

We thank God for making it possible for the Missionaries who could come to be with us at the meeting, and for the dear Aunt L. Tubbs (as the Mutambara people call her) for sitting up from the early hours in the morning to the late hours of the evening so that we could have the loud speaker for the meetings.

May the Lord teach us the freshness of a book; the depth

of an ocean. To be as free as the winds and as faithful as seasons.

#### NORTHERN SECTION R.R.W REPORTS, 1955

Mrewa Nyadiri - and Mtoko  
Districts

"Serving Christs and others." In Acts 20:35 St. Paul said to his followers: "I have showed you all things, how that so labouring, ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The Rukwadzano movement is still moving forward in the spirit of serving those who are weak in spiritual and physical life and supporting the Church of Christ.

**SALISBURY:** This group has given £10. for the Church building fund and £3. 16. 6 to help the sick and £4. 2. 6 to help towards burial expenses for who died in the hospital.

#### NYADIRI DISTRICT REPORT

"We have about 325 Rukwadzano members in our District. Local Church Activities: Some of the members are Class Leaders, Stewards, Leaders of the Rukwadzano and helpers in M. Y. F. meetings and various other activities of the Church. Many prayers have been offered and visits



made to the sick, and to those who are weak in their spiritual and physical lives.

**UZUMBA SOUTH CIRCUIT:**

The Rukwadzano is still moving forwards in a good spirit of fulfilling their motto; "To serve Christ and others." Many revivals meeting were held throughtout the circuit and some weak stations were strengthened and are coming up better and many are being won for Christ.

**MARAMBA & PFUNGWE CIRCUIT:**

There are 29 Rukwadzano members. They are few in number but their work is a great blessing in the circuit in their leadership in Classmeetings, Rukwadzano, M. Y. F. and in other Church meetings including Easter and Camp Meetings.

**NYADIRI CIRCUIT:** There are 96 members in circuit who feel, "It is more blessed to give and serve than to recieve and be served." Many gifts were given to the poor men and women who cannot help themselves. The women also made bricks for their Pastor's kitchen,

**NYADIRI EAST CIRCUIT:**

There are 56 members, many of whom are class leaders, Rukwadzano leaders and helpers in the M. Y. F. as well as helping in Camp Meetings and Easter meetings. Many gifts and much time were given to help sick people in

time of death and many efforts were made to bring people to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

**NYADIRI CENTRE:** We thank the Lord for giving us another year of service and that He blessed our efforts in His service. Many visits were made and many gifts were given to our sick people in hospital and in villages.

**NEW EVENTS** £3. 13. 0.

was given to help the sick at the hospital. Our women Missionaries gave some clothes to sell for the Nyadiri Church fund which now amounts to £11. 6. 0. Oh, we thank the Lord for giving us such a fine group of Missionaries, who have many good ideas to uplift African mother to a better standard of living and a higher spiritual plain of Christian endeavour. We have helped to collect stones for a waiting mother's house at the hospital.

**MTOKO DISTRICT**

**NYAMAZUWE EAST CIRCUIT:**

The spirit of serving and worshipping is growing among our Rukwadzano women

**MTOKO CENTRE:** "Serving Christ and others" we gave 4/ to a lame man at the leper camp; £9. 4. 3 for the school fees of a girl studying Std. VI at Nyadiri Mission. Many visits, prayers and gifts were offered for the hospital, leper

camp, and for the villages.

**MTOKO NORTH CIRCUIT:**  
R. R. W. group is moving forward and wonderful blessings are coming upon the Church through this movement, helping with our hands, money and grain. £3. bought a lantern for the Church; 10/ was given to help a widow; £2. 10. 0 was given for a Church door; 16/ for burial clothes; other gifts and help were given to the hospital and to the leper camp.

**NEW EVENTS:** Many visits were made and gifts given to the poor and sick people at the clinic and at the hospital, and we are always giving help to families when death comes by giving them wood, ufu, clothes and cooking for

them. We are always on hand to help in every way we can spiritually, physically, and in the building of Churches.

#### MREWA DISTRICT

**MREWA WEST CIRCUIT:**  
Our R. R. W. is moving forward in the spirit of our moto, "To service Christ and others." We gave help to a blind man with 10/; a blanket and clothes were given to a poor woman; £4. was given to buy poles for the roof of a Church. 57 members are taking the Umbowo. At Zengenene the women bought a lantern for the Church. Many visits have been made and help given during revival meetings held in the Circuit.

Rukwadzano	Full-Members	Class-Leaders	Rukwadzano Leaders	M.Y.F. Leaders	S.S.Sch-Leaders
Nyadiri Circuit	96	30	12	0	0
"    East	56	20	9	4	0
Uzumba North	52	12	8	0	0
Maramba & Pfungwe	29	9	11	0	0
Nyadiri Centre	39	10	2	0	2
Mrewa West	169	24	13	9	0
Mrewa North	131	21	16	7	0
Mrewa Centre	99	6	2	2	9
Mtoko South	73	16	12	7	0
Mtoko North	52	12	8	0	0
Headlands Dist.	47	20	10	17	0

Girl Guide leader

Mrewa Centre 1

RUKWADZANO ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE HELD AT  
CHIGUDU HEADLANDS  
DISTRICT

July 28 - 31, 1955

The blessings of God were upon our meetings, and we thank Rev. Tubbs for her wonderful loud speaker which the Lord used so His Words could reach all the people in the meetings; for the people were too many to be reached with the voice of any preacher. 3,033 people were present at the meeting on Sunday and 1,110 took the Lord's Supper. 102 people were converted.

£13. 6. 1 were collected for the Salisbury Church and the Rukwadzano North gave £100. for the Salisbury Church. That is a wonderful spirit so we praise our Lord Jesus Christ for the gift of the Holy Spirit He gave among our African women. We pray that such a spirit of serving may keep on growing among our Africans. Amen. Mrs. J. Chitombo, Secretary.

Report of the Methodist Historical Society

The work of the Methodist Historical Society of the Rhodesia Annual Conference has continued to be devoted to research and the collecting of both material and information relating to the history of the Missions and the development of the country along

with such missionary activities.

The sources that have been used consist of talks with the older men and women who were living in those early days, (both African and European) as well as continued research in the files of the Archives of Central Africa in Salisbury. There is still a wealth of material with which we are not acquainted which must become a part of our archives and records.

There is urgent need of starting research on the work of our Church in the Nyadiri, Mtoko and Mrewa districts. Much material is now available including letters written by Dr. Gurney and others.

There is also a great need to provide better equipment to care for the material already on hand. Mr. Sells is hoping, while on furlough, to secure some equipment but something should be done at once.

The Committee make the following requests to the Conference:

1. That the Conference ask for room somewhere in the new Theological Seminary Building for the housing of the material now on hand.
2. That the Conference be requested to make available to the Historical Society for the purpose of providing cupboards or other suitable equipment for the the safe

storing of the historical material now on hand in the "Strong Room" fund of £18. which has been held by the Conference Treasurer for many years. This fund was meant for the purpose of providing a safe place for valuable records and documents of the Conference.

3. That the Officers and Committee of the Society be the same as last year with the addition of P. Hassing to the committee.

#### THE METHODIST COUNCIL SOUTHERN RHODESIA

The eighth meeting of the Methodist Council was held in the Methodist Hall, Salisbury, at 9 a. m. on Thursday April 21st 1955, with morning and afternoon sessions.

#### Members Present

**Conference:** Bishop Newell S. Booth (Chairman of the meeting), the Revds. T. Roberts, S. Chieza, H. D. Griffin, Per Hassing, M. E. Culver, H. F. Anfinson, C. M. Miller, H. I. James, O. A. Stine, J. T. Chito nbo, J. M. Chimbadzwa, E. L. Sells, Miss Evelyn de Vries, (deputising for Miss M. Deyo.)

**Synod:-** The Revds H. Jesse Lawrence, F. B. Rea, S. M. Ushewokunze, S. J. Chihota, A. W. Heath, Sister Gwen Marsh, Revd. W. A. Hoskins (Secretary)

Apologies for absence were recieved from Rev. A. Ndhlela and Miss M. Baker.

The Council was welcomed to Salisbury by the Chairman of the Synod, the Rev. H. Jesse Lawrence, and devotions were conducted by Bishop Newell S. Booth.

#### Theological Training

The Revd Jesse Lawrence reported on conversations which had taken place between Bishop Raines and himself during Bishop Raines' recent visit to Rhodesia, and this was followed by a long discussion during which the following points were made:-

- (a) The obvious advantage of co-operative training for for the most effective use of our recourses.
- (b) The necessity of preserving the one Brotherhood of the Ministry.  
It was strongly felt that it would be most undesirable to make any division between candidates on academic grounds, but that whatsoever courses of study candidates might take they should live and work together to the greatest possible extent.
- (c) The proximity of Epworth to the University College.

The nearness of the Theological College at Epworth to the University site



will enable resident students with the necessary qualifications and ability to study for a degree as part of their training for the Ministry.

Although the Southern Rhodesia Christian Conference are pressing for the establishment of Faculty of Divinity, this will probably not be set up for some years chiefly for financial reasons. In the interim period the few suitable candidates who might become available would have to take a B. A. Degree selecting the most suitable subjects. The long-standing relationship between Handsworth Theological College and Birmingham University in England was quoted as a parallel.

If such a relationship were established the desirability of having Tutors on the Staff of the Theological College with qualifications acceptable to London University was emphasised, and the Rev. H.J. Lawrence stated that the Synod would shortly have such a man available on the District Staff, and at least one other would have to be found.

(d) Necessity to establish

closer contact between the Conference and the Synod.

If joint Theolocal training is to succeed it is vital that closer contacts be established not only between leaders but also between members in all branches of our Church. The following suggestions were made:- inter - Shool weekends between Old Umtali and Waddilove, the interchange of Pastors for short periods- a Synod Minister working with a Conference Minister in his own Circuit e. g. for a short period of special evangelistic work - an invitation was issued to Conference male missionaries to attend a Synod Retreat at Bulawayo from July 18th to 21st. and the possibility of co-operation during the coming visit to Rhodesia of Dr. Harald de Wolf. At the end of this discussion the following resolutions were passed unanimously:-

1. This Council favours the proposal that Ministerial Candidates should be enabled to take a B. A. degree. N. B. Revd H. J. Lawrence was requested take enquiries concerning probable University fees.



2. This Council agrees to press that a Faculty of Divinity be established in the University as soon as possible.
3. This Council is of the opinion that the training of candidates for the Ministry for both branches of the Methodist Church should be carried out jointly, and that Ministerial training should be at Epworth and the training of the evangelists at Old Umtali.
4. This Council is of the opinion that such joint training should be begun in January 1959.
5. This Council agrees that a committee of 10 - 5 from the Conference and 5 from the Synod be appointed to work out all necessary details including buildings, curriculum etc. The Revd. H. J. Lawrence shall in consultation with Bishop Booth arrange the first meeting of the committee at the end of September or the beginning of October during the visit of the Field Secretaries from England and America. Conference delegates suggested Epworth as the meeting place.

Before rising for lunch Bishop Booth, on behalf of

the Conference delegates, expressed their thanks to the Revd. H. J. Lawrence and the Synod Members for the arrangements made and hospitality given for the present meeting of the Council. This was endorsed by the Revd. E. L. Sells and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Salisbury Women's Association for their help in hospitality arrangements.

#### Joint Christian Centre in Salisbury

During the discussion the following points concerning Methodist work in Harare were made:-

- (a) There are three Methodist sites in the Location. The Synod its large Church on one side of the Location and a site for a new Church which it is hoped to build in the near future on the opposite side of the Location. The Conference has a site in the centre.
- (b) In addition to the work among the Synod and the Conference congregations there is a great need for Christian witness among the large number of Portuguese migrant labourers. The Evangelical Association of Portuguese East Africa has agreed to send an Evangelist to work among these people in Salisbury.
- (c) The desirability of full-

blooded co-operative work not only in the use of the three present sites but also setting up a joint Christian centre. Each congregation should keep its own identity, but the work should be brought together into one Circuit. Two further suggestions made were:

(i) the possible use of the Synod Church by the Conference congregation, and (ii) the possible co-operation of the Conference with the Synod in the erection of the Church on the new site.

(d) At present there is very little affinity between the Conference and Synod congregations, and for such a scheme as outlined under (c) to stand any chance of success, ways must first be found of establishing much more friendly relations between the two congregations. The Council thought that the establishment of the proposed joint Christian Centre would be a big step in this direction. The following decisions were unanimously agreed upon:-

1. We request the Conference and the Synod to move forward to the formation of a joint Christian Centre in Salisbury to be under the supervision of the Methodist Council.

2. We appoint the following

committee to consider details of site, building, staff, programme, etc., for the proposed centre:

Conference representatives:- Bishop Newell S. Booth, Revs. S. Chieza, M. Murphree and Per Hassing, and Miss Ball. Synod representatives: the Revd. H. Jesse Lawrence, F. B. Rea, E. Mapondera, and Mr. J. G. Capon.

Convener:- Rvd. F. B. Rea.

#### Higher Teacher Training and Secondary Education

The Council agreed that in the immediate future Higher Teacher Training should be provided at Waddilove and Secondary Education at Old Umtali to serve both Synod and Conference students at this end of the country, with the possible provision of a British graduate for Secondary work at Old Umtali and an American for Higher Teacher Training at Waddilove.

Possible relationship of St. Andrew's Church, Umtali to the Synod: It was reported that Bishop Raines, following his visit to Umtali, had asked the Rev. H. Jesse Lawrence if the Synod be prepared to take over the English work in Umtali, and had been given an affirmative reply. Some of the Conference members present wished to keep the English work and no action was taken.

## Literature, the Press and Visual Education

The following reports of work being done and plans for the future were received:-

### I Literature

#### a. Co - ordination of literature for Africa.

The Revd. H.J. Lawrence reported that the Africa Committee of the British Missionary Society has appointed Mr. Banks to collect together present literature produced in all the African Districts and to make it available for all, as well as to produce new literature to meet African needs.

#### (b) Training of Africans for Literary Work

Bishop Booth stated that bursaries are available for such training from the American Methodist Board and the Literature and Literacy Committee of New York. He also reported that Dr. and Mrs. Shaklock, who are experienced in curricula in religious education might be visiting Africa and their help and guidance in this field would be most valuable.

#### (c) Sunday School Lessons

The British Youth Department Graded Lessons are being adopted to South African conditions

and made available through the Methodist Conference in the Union of South Africa.

#### (d) Pamphlets for Home and Family Week.

These are available in English and Shona from the Methodist Bookroom, 91 Moffat St., Salisbury.

### 2. Visual Education

(a) The Visual Aids Committee of the Rhodesia Christian Conference has collected together the nucleus of a film library consisting of over 100 film strips and 16 mm films. Membership of the library is open to individuals as well as schools etc., at a fee of two guineas per annum. The cost of transport both ways is the responsibility of the borrower. Films are confined to religious and missionary topics. Missions are being asked to make ex gratia contributions to help enlarge the library which has been built up with the aid of RAVEMCCO. Gifts of suitable films for which individuals may have no further use will be welcome.

(b) A recent conference was held of representatives of all bodies exhibiting films for Africans, at

which a memorandum was drawn up aimed at directing such entertainment into a more cultural channel. The possibility of putting the distribution of films under a corporation was also discussed.

(3) **Radio.**

The Revd. F. B. Rea reported that broadcasts have been arranged for Home and Family Week; also that the possibility of seconding a Minister to work in this sphere under the Southern Rhodesia Christian Conference is under discussion.

4. **Press**

The possibility of modernizing the present press

at Old Umtali was mentioned. The Revd H. J. Lawrence intimated that Synod policy was to put out printing to whoever could do the work best either in Rhodesia or overseas.

5. **Language School**

Bishop N. S. Booth said he was convinced that the Conference language school should continue and hoped that at some time in the future it might be possible to link it with the department of Bantu studies in the University.

The meeting closed at 5 p. m. when concluding devotions were led by the Revd. A. W. Heath.

---

## THE MEMORIALS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

1. Dear Fathers and Brethren: We respectfully memorialize the General Conference of the Methodist Church, now in session, to authorize the division of the Elizabethville Area into two Episcopal Areas; one area to be comprised of the Central Congo, the Southern Congo, and the Rhodesia Conferences; the other area to be comprised of Angola and Portuguese East Africa Conferences.

11. Dear Fathers and Brethren: We respectfully memorialize the General Conference of the Methodist Church, now in session, to pass an enabling act to give the Africa Central Conference the power to elect one Bishop.

M. E. Culver, Sec.

**Part VIII**      **ROLL OF THE DEAD**  
 "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

**(a) Members of Conference**

	Place of Birth	Entered Conf.	Years of Service	Died	Age	Place of Burial
Buchalter, Abraham L.	Fertility, Penn.	1899	26	Aug. 3, 1917	52	Monrovia, Cal.
Gurney, Samuel	Long Branch, N. J.	1887	21	Aug. 3, 1924	64	Salisbury, S. R.
Howard, Herbert N.	Harrisburg, Penn.	1907	11	Mar. 7, 1925	55	Canandaigua, N. Y.
Greeley, Eddy H.	Owatonna, Minn.	1907	50	April 8, 1938	80	Old Umtali, S. R.
Faku, Clifford Edward	Fort Beaufort, Cape	1924	27	February 1946	64	Fort Beaufort, Cape
Kapenzi, Amos	Gandanzara	1928	20	May 4, 1948	50	Nyadiri
Zimonte, Elson	Uzumba	1942	8	Mar. 14, 1950	35	Nyadiri
Huie, Carl William	Oneonta, Ala.	1946	4	July 21, 1950	41	Old Umtali
Darikwa, Isaiab	Umtasa	1924	27	Aug. 17, 1951	62	Old Umtali

**(b) Widows of Deceased Members: None.**

**Wives of Members:**

Naomi Mparutsa, wife of Moses Mparutsa, died February 12th, 1933.  
 Emma Katsidzira, wife of Murashwa Katsidzira, died May 3rd, 1933.  
 Emily Faku, wife of Clifford Faku, died March 1, 1934.  
 Lydia Sika Munjoma, wife of R. M. Ngonjama, died February 12th, 1945.  
 Hilda Ngonjama, wife of R. M. Ngonjama, died 1948.  
 Tseneka Chitombo, wife of Jonah Chitombo, died August 30, 1948.  
 Tumani Mandisodza, wife of David Mandisodza, died June 14, 1953

**(c) Other Workers**

Miss Sadie Rexrode, W. F. M. S., age 38, died January 22, 1921, after three years service in S. Rhodesia; buried at Old Umtali.  
 Mr. Charles F. Taylor, age 67, missionary to China, died in the Umtali Hospital, August 14, 1927 and was buried at Old Umtali.  
 Miss E. E. Bjorklund, age, 63, died November 19th, 1930. Her Missionary service extended over a period of thirty - five years. She served in China and Japan from 1894 to 1900, in East Africa at Inhambane 1909 to 1915 and in Rhodesia at Old Umtali 1915 to 1929. Buried at Old Umtali.  
 Miss Mildred O. Benson, age 42, died July 12th, 1937, a missionary of the W. F. M. S. She served in S. Rhodesia at Old Umtali, 1926-1937. Buried at Old Umtali.  
 Miss Pearl Mullikin, age 71, died July 12, 1950. She served in Southern Rhodesia from 1909 — 1939. Buried at Wilmore, Kentucky.



Part IX

MISCELLANEOUS

Plan of Examinations

I. MISSIONARIES AND EUROPEANS

SEE 1952 DISCIPLINE, CHAPTER VI,  
PARAGRAPH 2041 - 2055

2. TRAVELLING MINISTRY-AFRICANS

SEE CENTRAL CONFERENCE COURSE OF  
STUDY, AND COURSE AS OUTLINED BY  
THE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL JOURNAL 1948  
PAGE 49.

3 Course Of Study For Accepted Supply Pastors

First Year:-

1. The Book of Genesis.
2. The Life of Moses - Exodus.
3. The Rules for African Members of the Methodist Church in S. Rhodesia.
4. Memorize - Chitendo che Wapostori,  
Munamoto wa Tenzi.  
Mbiri kuna Baba.  
Rukudzo.  
Chikomborero che Wapostori.

Second Year:-

1. Nzira ye Upswene.
2. The Gospel of Matthew.
3. The Discipline: Articles of Religion. The General Rules
4. Receive Instructions in: The conduct of  
A Church Service.  
The Reading of the Scriptures in Public.

Third Year:-

1. The Acts of the Apostles.
2. The Discipline: The Aids to Devotion.
3. Pilgrim's Progress.

Fourth Year:-

1. The Gospel of John.
  2. The Epistle to the Galatians.
  3. The Epistle to the Ephesians.
  4. The Ritual Service for the Burial of the Dead.
  5. A Lecture on the Life of Wesley.
- (b) Conference Rules of Order.  
None

## Part X HISTORICAL.

### (a) Conference Sessions.

#### EAST CENTRAL AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE

TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1901, Nov. 16	Umtali and Old Umtali	Hartzell	Springer
1903, Sept 29	Umtali	Hartzell	Beetham
1905, May 26	Umtali	Hartzell	Ferris
1907, Mar 13	Umtali	Hartzell, Burt	Ferris
1907, Nov 22	Umtali	Hartzell	Ferris
1909, July 10	Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley
1910, Aug 17	Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley
1911, June 7	Umtali	Hartzell, Wilson	Gurney
1912, Feb 17	Old Umtali	Rev. J. R. Gates	O'Farrell
1913, Oct 22	Old Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley

#### RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE.

1915, Jan 20	Old Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley
1916, Feb 16	Old Umtali	(Rev. J. R. Gates)	Greeley
1917, May 3	Old Umtali	Johnson	Greeley
1917, Dec 7	Old Umtali	Johnson	J. R. Gates
1919, April 4	Umtali	Johnson	Gurney
1921, June 13	Old Umtali	Johnson	James
1922, June 14	Old Umtali	Johnson	James
1923, June 19	Old Umtali	Johnson	James
1924, Aug 13	Old Umtali	Shepard	James
1925, June 25	Old Umtali	Johnson	James
1926, Nov 4	Nyadiri	Johnson	Wagner
1927, June 14	Old Umtali	Johnson	R. O. Gates
1928, Sept 10	Old Umtali	Johnson	Murphree
1929, July 3	Old Umtali	Johnson	Murphree
1930, July 9	Mutambara	Johnson	Murphree

#### RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1931, July 8	Mrewa	Johnson	Murphree
1932, Sept 28	Old Umtali	Johnson	Sells
1933, June 14	Old Umtali	Johnson	Sells
1934, June 13	Old Umtali	Johnson	Sells
1935, July 9	Old Umtali	Johnson	Sells
1936, Dec 9	Old Umtali	Springer	Adkins
1937, Oct 6	Nyadiri	Springer	Sells
1938, Oct 5	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1939, Nov 8	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells

#### THE METHODIST CHURCH

1939, Nov 10	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1940, July 24	Mrewa	Springer	Sells
1941, Sept 2	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1942, Sept 1	Mutambara	Springer	Sells
1943, Aug 31	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1944, Sept 5	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1945, Aug 21	Nyadiri	Booth	Sells
1946, Aug 22	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1947, Aug 25	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1948, Aug 23	Old Umtali	Booth	Fuller

1949, Aug. 25	.....	Old Umtali ...	Booth .....	Fuller
1950, Aug. 23	.....	Old Umtali ...	Booth .....	Sells
1951, Aug. 19	.....	Old Umtali ...	Booth .....	Sells
1952, Aug. 19	.....	Old Umtali ...	Booth .....	Sells
1953, Aug. 16	.....	Old Umtali ...	Booth .....	Sells
1954, Aug. 15	.....	Old Umtali ...	Booth .....	Sells
1955, Aug. 14	.....	Old Umtali ...	Booth .....	Hassing

## (b)

**DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
**Methodist Episcopal Church**

**1932****Ministerial**

T. A. O'Farrell; Reserve—H. I. James

**Lay**

Miss Ruth Hanson; Reserve—Miss Oril Penney

**1936****Ministerial**

H. I. James; Reserve—E. L. Sells

**Lay**

Miss Sarah N. King; Reserve—Mrs. H. I. James

**The Methodist Church**

**1940****Ministerial**

T. A. O'Farrell; Reserve—H. E. Taylor

**Lay**

Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell; Reserve—Mrs. H. E. Taylor

**1944****Ministerial**

M. J. Murphree; Reserve—E. L. Sells

**Lay**

Miss S. N. King; Reserve—Mrs. M. J. Murphree

**1948****Ministerial**

Per Hassing; Reserve—R. C. Gates and E. L. Sells

**Lay**

T. R. Roberts; Reserve—Miss L. Tubbs

**1952****Ministerial**

M. J. Murphree; Reserve—H. I. James

**Lay**

Enoch Chieza; Reserve—Miss Lois Pfaff

**1956****Ministerial**

Samuel Chieza, Reserve—J. Chitombo

**Lay**

Mrs. O. Stine; Reserve—Mrs. R. C. Gates

## (c)

**Missionaries 1898—1955**

List of Missionaries sent to the Rhodesia Work by the Board of Foreign Missions and the W. F. M. S. and W. D. C. S. beginning with the opening of the work in 1898, with year of entering and leaving the work.

Rev. M. W. Ehnes .....	1898-1901	Mr. G. M. Odum.....	1901-1902
Mrs. M. W. Ehnes .....	1898-1901	Rev. R. Wodehouse.....	1901-1910
Rev. J. L. DeWitt .....	1899-1901	Mrs. R. Wodehouse.....	1901-1910
Mrs. J. L. DeWitt .....	1899-1901	Rev. J. M. Springer.....	1901-1906
Mrs. Anna Arndt .....	1899-1902		1921-1924
Mr. Herman Heinkle.....	1899-1903	Mrs. H. Rasmussen.....	1901 —
Dr. Hammett .....	1899-1899	Mrs. J. Springer.....	1905-1909
Miss Culver.....	1899-1899		1921-1924
Rev. E. H. Greeley.....	1890-1938	Miss E. H. Johnson.....	1901-1904

Rev. R. E. Beetham.....	1901-1904	Mrs. R. C. Gates.....	1922-
Rev. Samuel Gurney.....	1902-1905	Miss A. Moore.....	1922-1927
	1909-1920	Rev. J. G. Brass.....	1922-1923
Mrs. S. Gurney.....	1902-1924	Mrs. J. G. Brass.....	1922-1923
Mr. D. Carson.....	1902-1903	Rev. F. G. Manger.....	1923-1930
Mrs. D. Carson.....	1902-1903	Mrs. F. G. Manger.....	1923-1930
Rev. J. H. Dimmit.....	1903-1903	Miss Ethel McMann.....	1923-1931
Rev. G. A. Baldwin.....	1903-1904	Miss Sarah King.....	1923-
Rev. J. E. Ferris.....	1904-1909	Miss B. Ramsey.....	1924-1937
Mrs. J. E. Ferris.....	1904-1909	Rev. R. F. Wagner.....	1924-1927
Rev. S. D. Coffin.....	1905-1911		1929-1934
Miss Swormstedt.....	1905-—	Miss J. G. Woodruff.....	1925-1930
Mrs. S. D. Coffin.....	1907-1911	Miss Ila Scovill.....	1925-
Mr. E. L. Sechrist.....	1906-1909	Dr. S. R. P. Montgomery ..	1925-1929
Rev. J. R. Gates.....	1906-1919	Mrs. S. R. P. Montgomery ..	1925-1927
	1916-1932	Miss Oral Fenney.....	1926-1940
Miss H. L. Lodge.....	1907-—	Miss Ruth E. Hansson ..	1926-
Mrs. J. R. Gates.....	1908-1914	Miss Mildred O. Benson ..	1926-1937
	1916-1932	Rev. E. L. Sells.....	1929-
Miss E. M. Bell.....	1907-1911	Mrs. E. L. Sells.....	1929-
Miss S. Coffin.....	1907-1912	Mrs. R. F. Wagner.....	1929-1934
Rev. G. A. Roberts ..	1907-1950	Miss Jassie Pfaff.....	1929-
Rev. A. L. Buchwalter ..	1909-1915	Miss Wilhelmina Shields ..	1930-1937
Mrs. A. L. Buchwalter.....	1909-1915	Miss Alice Whitney ..	1931-
Rev. H. N. Howard.....	1909-1920	Miss Irene Gugin ..	1931-1940
Mrs. H. N. Howard.....	1909-1920	Rev. L. E. Adkins ..	1933-1937
Miss E. D. Nourse.....	1909-1921	Mrs. L. E. Adkins.....	1933-1937
Miss P. Mullikin ..	1909-1939	Miss Rosa Rydell.....	1933-1947
Rev. T. A. O'Farrell.....	1910-1951	Miss Edith Parks ..	1938-
Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell.....	1910-1951	Miss Marguerite Deyo.....	1939-
Miss B. Fowles.....	1910-—	Mr. W. D. Hamrick ..	1939-1947
Mrs. G. A. Roberts.....	1912-1950	Mrs. W. D. Hamrick ..	1939-1947
Miss R. N. Goddard.....	1912-—	Rev. Per Hassing ..	1940-
Mrs. J. Paisley.....	1915-1921	Mrs. P. Hassing.....	1942-
Miss G. Clark.....	1912-1947	Dr. G. A. Anderson ..	1941-1947
Rev. C. A. Kent.....	1912-1915	Mr. Tudor Roberts ..	1941-
Mrs. C. A. Kent.....	1912-1915	Miss M. Fuller ..	1938-1941
Rev. H. I. James.....	1913-1952	Miss E. de Vries ..	1944-
Mrs. H. I. James.....	1913-1952	Mrs. A. G. Anderson ..	1944-1947
Miss E. E. Bjorklund ..	1915-1930	Miss H. Wildermuth.....	1944-
Miss E. A. Hess.....	1915-1932	Miss Mildred Taylor.....	1947-
Miss F. Qinton.....	1917-1940	Miss F. Hackler.....	1947-
Miss S. Rexrode.....	1918-1921	Rev. M. E. Culver.....	1944-
Miss L. Tubbs.....	1918-	Mrs. M. E. Culver.....	1944-
Rev. H. E. Taylor.....	1919-1947	Miss E. Ashby ..	1945-
Mrs. H. E. Taylor.....	1919-1947	Mr. J. Thacker ..	1945-1948
Miss O. Parmenter.....	1920-1949	Mrs. J. Thacker ..	1945-1948
Rev. M. J. Murphree.....	1920-	Rev. Q. C. Roberts ..	1945-1949
Mrs. M. J. Murphree.....	1920-	Mrs. Q. C. Roberts ..	1945-1949
	1921-1931	Rev. C. W. Huie ..	1946-1950
Miss M. Fuller.....	1938-1940	Mrs. C. W. Huie ..	1945-1951
Rev. A. DeJacoby.....	1921-1921	Mrs. T. R. Roberts.....	1946-
Mrs. A. DeJacoby.....	1921-1921	Miss Lois Pfaff.....	1946-
Rev. W. Bourgaize.....	1921-	Rev. C. E. Fuller ..	1947-1952
Rev. L. E. Tull ..	1921-1921	Mrs. C. E. Fuller.....	1947-1952
Mr. W. C. Gardner.....	1921-1925	Rev. L. G. Blomquist ..	1947-
Mrs. W. C. Gardner.....	1921-1924	Mrs. L. G. Blomquist ..	1947-
Mrs. G. Beven.....	1922-1927	Miss Johansson ..	1947-
Mis. B. Reitz.....	1922-	Miss S. Hervold.....	1947-
Rev. R. C. Gates.....	1922-	Rev. H. F. Buies ..	1948-1949

Mrs. H. F. Buies .....	1948-1949	Mrs. H. Griffin .....	1951-
Rev. F. Jackson .....	1949-1954	Rev. H. F. Anfinson .....	1951-
Mrs. F. Jackson .....	1949-1954	Mrs. H. F. Anfinson .....	1951-
Rev. Kare Eriksson .....	1949-	Mrs. A. Lieknes .....	1951-1954
Mrs. Kare Eriksson .....	1949-1954	Mr. Morgan Johnson .....	1951-
Dr. John Sheldon .....	1949-1954	Miss Helen Emmert .....	1951-
Mrs. John Sheldon .....	1949-	Miss Esther Russell .....	1951-
Mr. H. L. Christian .....	1949-1951	Miss Ellen Sweeny .....	1951-
Mrs. H. L. Christian .....	1949-1951	Miss M. M. Ball .....	1952-
Rev. K. Harper .....	1949-	Rev. E. J. Aeschliman .....	1952-
Mrs. K. Harper .....	1949-	Mrs. E. J. Aeschliman .....	1952-
Mr. B. A. Higgs .....	1949-	Mr. D. L. Sherertz .....	1952-
Mrs. B. A. Higgs jr. ....	1949-	Mrs. D. L. Sherertz .....	1952-
Mr. Wallace Kinyon .....	1950-	Mr. G. M. Carr .....	1952-
Mrs. W. Kinyon .....	1950-	Mrs. G. M. Carr .....	1952-
Rev. A. L. Mansure .....	1950-	Dr. Clara Nutting .....	1952-
Mrs. A. L. Mansure .....	1950-	Miss J. Titus .....	1953-1954
Miss Grace Otto .....	1950-	Dr. M. Piburn .....	1953-
Miss Vivian Otto .....	1950-	Mrs. M. Piburn .....	1953-
Rev. O. A. Stine .....	1950-	Rev. C. Miller .....	1953-
Mrs. O. A. Stine .....	1950-	Mrs. C. Miller .....	1953-
Mrs. W. P. Jones .....	1950-	Miss M. Sawyer .....	1954-
Rev. A. Leiknes .....	1950-1954	Mr. Robert Harmon .....	1954-1955
Mr. I. W. Jansen .....	1950-	Miss Jenny Larsen .....	1954-
Mrs. I. W. Jansen .....	1950-	Miss Ruth Lind .....	1955-
Miss S. Aldrich .....	1950-	Mr. Dean M. Manbeck .....	1955-
Miss V. Priest .....	1950-1953	Mr. M. W. Murphree .....	1955-
Rev. A. R. Boucher .....	1951-1956	Mrs. M. W. Murphree .....	1955-
Mrs. A. R. Boucher .....	1951-1956	Miss Dorothy Hickok .....	1956-
Rev. H. Griffin .....	1951-		

The following workers were employed on the field.

Rev. M. H. Reid, 1898; Mrs. R. St. Tulloch, 1902; Mr. M. B. Spears, 1905; Mrs. H. Brown, 1903; Miss M. Brown, 1903; Miss Cuff, 1903; Mrs. T. Stratton 1905; Miss E. Bennet, 1905; Rev. C. H. Beangley, 1906; Mr. W. H. Robson 1906; Miss A. F. Gray, 1906; Rev. G. A. Stockdale, 1907; Mr. and Mrs. Garner 1907; Miss Blezzard, 1907; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Till, 1910; Mrs. L. Carson, 1911; Mr. R. Mackenzie, 1912; Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Wallace, 1913; Mr. J. G. Paisley 1912; Rev. William Garner, 1912; Mr. and Mrs. William Hodgson, 1917; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Searle, 1918-1921; Mr. C. Till, 1920; B. J. E. Pretorius, 1924; Mr. G. Pretorius, 1925-1930; Miss J. McMorran, 1928-1930; Mrs. Uys 1930-1933; Miss Louise Forrest 1935-1936; Miss Jean Loze, 1936-1938; Miss Lois Pfaff, 1936-1941; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Huie, 1936-1940; Miss Lois Jessop 1937-1940; Miss Fannie Ellener 1937-1940; Mrs. Irene Wratten 1938; Mr. and Mrs. P. F. De Brujin 1939-1940; Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Braithwaite 1939-1941; Miss Emily Loze 1940-1946. Miss Louise Forrest 1941-1955; Mrs. V. Sabistan 1947; Mrs. C. Bosweil 1946-1947; B. Howells 1946; Mr. & Mrs. A. M. Burns 1948; Miss F. Ellener 1947; B. Finlayson 1947; Miss Gericke 1947; Rev. & Mrs. E. Dugmore 1953; Miss Amy Martin 1948, Mrs. W. Reich. 1948-51; Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Boltman 1950-51; Mrs. W. Gazeley 1951-55; Mr. A. J. H. O'Hara 1949-50, 1953. Mrs. G. Mansure 1951-54. Mrs. Nuttal 1954. Mr. H. Ferreira 1955, Rev. F. T. Meacham 1955.

## Part XI PASTORAL RECORD

This record includes only the appointments during membership in the Conferences, and not those as "supply."

In the case of missionaries, appointments before Conference membership on the field are included.

The figures are the years of service spent in the Ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Conference and The Methodist Conference.

The addresses are given in the Conference Roll and Directory.



## 1. FULL MEMBERS

**Aeschliman, Edward John**:- On Trial Genesee Conference 1916; Ordained Deacon and Elder 1918; Transferred to North China Conference 1919; Transferred to Rhodesia Conference 1952; 1954 Umtali, Miller Memorial and Social Centre, Theological School, Old Umtali.

**Adkins, Lilburn E**:- On trial Minnesota Conference 1925. Deacon 1925; Elder 1927; West Concord 1925-27; 1928-29 In School; Transferred to Southeast Africa Mission Conference 1930; 1930-33 Kambini Central Training School; Transferred to Rhodesia Conference 1933; 1933-36 Marange, Odzi-Old Umtali and Mtasa Circuits. 1934-36 Gandanzara Circuit 1937 On furlough; 1938-55 Missionary in East Africa.

**Aldrich, Sylvia**:- Rhodesia Conference 1953, Ordained Deacon 1944; Elder 1946 by the Hingham Conference. Appointed Missionary of the W. D. C. S. Rhodesia 1950-55 Old Umtali, Teacher Training Department.

**Anfinson, Hans Faye**:- On Trial Norway Conference, 1948, Deacon 1951, Elder 1952 (Missionary Rule); Sandnes 1948-49; 1950 In school; Transferred to Rhodesia Conference 1952; 1952,-55 Marange-Chiduku.

**Ball, Marcia**:- Rhodesia Conference 1953, Appointed Missionary of the W. D. C. S. in Rhodesia 1952, Umtali Christian Centre 1952 - 55 Ordained Deacon 1955.

**Blomquist, Lennart**:- On trial Swedish Conference 1940, Deacon 1942; Elder 1944; Transferred to Rhodesia Conference 1947; 1947-1949 Nyadiri District Missionary; Superintendent, Nyadiri District 1950 - 1951; 1952 (on furlough) 1954-1955, Mutambara.

**Boucher, Arnold R**:- On trial Wisconsin Conference, 1939; Deacon 1941; Elder 1943, 1939 - Sept. 1941, Wesley Chapel, Pleasant Prairie Circuit, Sept. 1941, - May 1943, East Troy Circuit; May 1943, - April 1946, Chaplain in the United States Army; June 1946 - June 1950, Whitefish Bay; Transferred to Rhodesia Conference August 1951; 1952-55 Mrewa Mission.

**Bourgalze, Wilfred**:- On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921 Deacon and Elder ; 1921 Umtasa, Gandanzara and Headlands Circuits; 1922-25. Mtoko and Uzumba Circuits, 1925-26 Mtoko Circuit; 1927-28 Superintendent Mtoko District; 1929 On furlough; 1930-38 Superintendent, Mtoko District, 1938 on furlough; 1939-1955 Superintendent, Mtoko District.

**Chidzikwe, Josiah**:- On trial Rhodesia Conference 1948, Ordained Deacon 1950; 1949, Penhalonga; 1950 Asst. Religious Education; 1951. Maranke North Circuit; 1952-55 Mrewa.

**Chleza, Luke**:- On trial Rhodesia Conference 1934; Deacon 1936; Elder 1938; 1936-41 Evangelist Mrewa District. 1942-1947 Mrewa. 1949 - 1952 Nyakatsapa Circuit, 1954-1955 Assistant Superintendent, Mtasa Makoni District.

**Chleza, Philip**:- On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1927; Deacon 1932; Elder 1936; 1927-29 Muziti; 1930-31 Chiduku Circuit; 1932 Odzi Circuit 1933-35 Odzi Old Umtali Circuit, 1936-38 Odzi Circuit; 1939-48 Penhalonga. 1949 - 1952-54 Chiduku South Circuit, 1955 Retired.

**Chieza, Samuel**:- On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1927; Deacon 1930, Elder 1933; 1927 - 31 Mrewa; 1931-48 Mtoko; 1949 - 1955 Salisbury

**Chigubu, Nason**:- On trial in the Rhodesia Conference, 1942; Deacon 1944; Elder 1946 Chikuhwa and Uzumba North Circuit, 1942 - 1955.

**Chimbadzwa, Josiah**:- On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1926 Deacon 1929; Elder 1930; 1926 - 1930 Assistant, Theological School, Old Umtali; 1931-33 Assistant Pastor, Old Umtali and teacher in Hartzell Training School; 1934 - 35 Assistant Pastor, Old Umtali. 1936-40 Pastor Old Umtali; 1941-46 Salisbury 1946-51 Old Umtali, 1952-55 Umtali

**Chimonyo Obadiah**:- On trial Rhodesia Conference 1932; Deacon 1935; Elder 1936; 1932-34 in School; 1935-1938 Old Umtali Circuit; 1939-41 Chiduku South Circuit; 1942-50 Gandanzara Circuit; 1952 Headlands Circuit. 1954 Mundenda Circuit 1955 Retired.

**Chitombo, Jonah:**—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1933; Deacon 1935; 1933-1935 In School; 1935-47 Nyadiri Circuit. 1948-52 Nyadiri East Circuit, 1953-1955—Assistant Superintendent Nyadiri District.

**Choto, Kenneth:**—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1948; Ordained Deacon 1950: 1948-1952 Mrewa School Supervisor and Mrewa East, 1954-1955 Assistant Superintendent, Mrewa District.

**Culver, Maurice E.:**—On trial, Newark Conference 1942; Ordained Deacon and Elder 1944; Commercial Point Circuit, Ohio, 1941; Newark, 1942; Transferred to Rhodesia Conference 1945; Maranke and Zimunya Circuits 1945-46; Superintendent Maranke-Zimunya District 1947-49; Superintendent Mtasa - Makoni District 1947-48; Umtali District, 1948-49; On furlough 1949-52; Secretary of Literature and Evangelism 1952-55; Principal Theological School 1954-1955.

**Chiza, Martin:**—Rhodesia Conference 1952, Ordained Deacon 1954. 1952-55 Ehnes Memorial Church Old Umtali.

**Eriksson, Kare E.N.:**—On trial Norway Conference, 1941; Ordained Deacon; 1946; Elder 1947; 1941-1942 Mo in Rana; 1943 Sigerfjord; 1944, Bod; 1947-1948 in school; 1949; transferred to Rhodesia Conference; 1949-51 District Missionary Mutambara; 1952-53 Superintendent, Mutambara District; 1954 On furlough. 1955 Superintendent Mutambara District, Principal Mutambara School.

**Fuller, Charles:**—On trial Pennsylvania Conference, 1930; Deacon 1933; Picture Rocks Circuit 1927-29; Half Moon 1929-1930; Riddlesburg 1930-31; Burnt Cabins 1931-1933; Cherry Tree 1933-1935; Shirland (Rocks River) 1935-1938; Appointed missionary 1933; Kambine 1939-1943; Eastern Transvaal District 1943-1946; Furlough 1946-1947; Transferred Rhodesia Conference 1947; Superintendent Mrewa District 1947-50; 1951-55 On furlough.

**Gates, Robert C.**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1923; Deacon 1923; Elder 1927, 1923-1927; Literary and Normal Department, Hartzell Training School; 1923 Old Umtali Circuit, 1924; Old Umtali Church; 1925 Old Umtali Umtali and Circuit; 1926 Mission Correspondent; 1927; Superintendent, Old Umtali District; 1928 On furlough; 1929-1931 Superintendent Old Umtali District and Principal Hartzell Training School, 1932 Superintendent, Nyadiri District 1933-35 Superintendent, Mrewa District 1936 Superintendent, Umtali—Rusapi District St. Andrew's 1935-36 Mission Treasurer; 1937 On furlough; 1938-46 Hartzell Training School, Teacher Training Dept. 1939-46 Mission Treasurer and Correspondent; 1941-48 On furlough; 1949-54 Mission Treasurer 1955 on furlough

**Griffin, Hunter D.**—On trial in the Kentucky Conference 1947; Ordained Deacon 1949, Elder 1950; Transferred Rhodesia Conference, 1951: Missionary Mtasa - Makoni 1951; 1952-55 Superintendent, Mtasa - Makoni District.

**Gurupira, Philemon:**—Rhodesia Conference 1952, Ordained Deacon 1954, Mtoko - African Missionary Society 1952-55. 1955 Chiduku South Circuit.

**Harper, Kenneth:**—On trial California - Nevada Conference 1948; Ordained, Deacon and Elder 1948; Transferred to Rhodesia Conference 1951: 1951 Superintendent Mtasa Makoni District; 1952-54 Teacher Training Old Umtali; 1954-1955 On furlough.

**Hassing, Per:**—On trial Norway Conference 1937, Deacon 1938; Elder 1939 transferred Rhodesia Conference 1940: Chiduku, Gandanzara, Mtasa and Old Umtali Circuits 1940-41; Superintendent, Mtasa Makoni District 1942-46 1947 On furlough; Mtasa Makoni Dist. 1948-1950: 1949-1950; Superintendent Umtali District; 1951 Superintendent Maranke Zimunya District; 1953 (On furlough); 1954-55 Field Treasurer and Correspondent.

**James, Henry I.**—On trial West Wisconsin Conference 1907; Deacon 1910; Elder 1913; 1907, Birchwood; Transferred Wisconsin Conference 1908; 1908-09 Algoma; 1910-12 Oconto; Transferred East Central Africa Mission Conference 1913; 1913-14 St. Paul's Penhalonga; 1915 Principal Hartzell Training School 1916-1919 Mission Treasurer; 1916 Bible Department and Mission Press; 1917-1918 Principal Central Training School Old Umtali Circuit 1919 On furlough 1920-22; Superintendent, Umtali District and St. Andrew's

Church; 1920-24 Mission Treasurer and Correspondent; 1923-24 Superintendent Mrewa District 1925-26 On furlough; 1927-28 Superintendent, Mrewa District 1929-31; Superintendent Umtali, District and St. Andrew's Church; 1932-34, Superintendent Umtali District; Principal Theological School, Pastor Old Umtali and Mission Press; 1930-34 Mission Treasurer and Correspondent. 1935 On furlough, 1936-47 Superintendent, Mrewa District 1948-1949 On furlough 1949-1951 Superintendent Mutambara; 1952 Retired.

**Jangano, Elia:**—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1948; Ordained Deacon, 1950 1948-49 Assistant in Religious Education; 1950-51 Mutambara; 1952 Mutambara Circuit, 1954 - 1955 Mutambara West Circuit.

**Jijita, John:**— Rhodesia Conference 1953, 1953 - 1955 Maramba - Pfungwe Circuit Ordained Deacon 1955.

**Kajese, Amon:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference; 1942, Deacon 1944 Chidakwa and the Maramba-Pfungwi-Darwin Circuit, 1942-1955.

**Kasambira Silas:**—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1932; Deacon 1934; Elder 1936; 1932-33 In School; 1934 Penhalonga; 1935-40 Gandanzara Circuit 1941-1945 Mt. Makomwe; Nyanyadzi 1945-1952, 1954 - 1955 Mutambara West.

**Katsidzira, Benjamin:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924 Deacon 1926; Elder 1930; 1924-25 Nyamukwarara 1926 Gandanzara 1927-1931 Gandanzara Circuit; 1932-34 Mtasa Circuit; 1935-38 Maranke Circuit 1939-48 Zimunya Circuit; 1950 Chiduku North Circuit; 1951, Retired

**Katsidzira, Hosea:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934; 1930-31 in school; 1932-35 Mangwendi Circuit; 1935-36 and Headlands Circuit; 1937-1938 Headland Circuit; 1939-1955 Mrewa Circuit.

**Kawadza, Jonah:**— Rhodesia Conference 1953, 1953-1955 Mrewa East Circuit. Ordained Deacon 1955.

**Kowo, Simon:**— Rhodesia Conference 1953, 1953 Mtoko East Circuit. Ordained Deacon 1955 1955 Mtoko North Circuit,

**Leiknes, Asbjorn:**—On trial Norway Conference 1948; Deacon 1949, Elder; 1950; Transferred to Rhodesia Conference 1950; 1950-51 District Missionary, Nyadiri; 1952--54 Superintendent, Nyadiri District. 1955, on furlough.

**Machiri, Jonah:**—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1930; Deacon 1935; 1933-35 In school; 1935-1937 Evangelist, Old Umtali District; 1938-1939 Mukaha; nana Circuit; 1940-41 Teacher Hartzell Training School Old Umtali 1942-48 Chiduku South Circuit; 1949-54 Maranke South Circuit, 1955 Penhalonga Mundenda Circuit.

**Machiri, Patrick:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934 1930-31 in school; 1932-33 Chiduku Circuit; 1934 Maranke Circuit 1935 - 53 Chiduku North Circuit, 1954 - 1955 Gandanzara Circuit.

**Madzinga, Nason:**— Rhodesia Conference 1953, 1953-1955 Nyadiri East Circuit. Ordained Deacon 1955,

**Makuto, Daniel:**—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1948; Ordained Deacon 1950; 1949-1950 Chikwizo; 1951-55 Mtoko.

**Mandisodza, David:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; Deacon 1921; Elder 1929; 1921 Salisbury; 1922-29 Headlands Circuit. 1930-33 Umtali 1934 Leave of absence; 1935 Superinumerary; 1936 Located, 1937-43 Mangwendi Circuit 1944-1950 Marange Circuit; 1951 Retired.

**Mandisodza, Wilson:**—On trial in the Rhodesia Conference 1942; Deacon 1944 Muziti, 1942-43; Nyakatsapa; 1945-46 Old Umtali Circuit 1947-1949; 1950-51; Nyadiri Circuit; 1952-55 Nyamutumbu Circuit.

**Mansure, Arthur L:**—Received on trial; Detroit Conference 1936 1936-1948, at school. Ordained deacon, 1938. 1938, South Tewksbury, Mass. 1939, Harper Avenue, Detroit. Ordained Elder and received in full. Detroit Conference, 1940. 1940-43, St. James, Detroit. Transferred to New Hampshire Conference, 1944. 1944-47, Peterborough and West Ridge, N. H. 1947-48, Allston, Boston. Transferred to New England Conference, 1948. 1949, Missionary to Southern Rhodesia. Transferred to Rhodesia Conference, 1950. 1949-54 Old Umtali Theological School, Old Umtali. 1955, on furlough.



**Maramba, Johnson:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930 Deacon 1932; Elder 1936; 1930 Assistant Hartzell Training School; 1931-33 Mukanana Circuit; 1934 In school; 1935-36 Penhalonga; 1936-38 Penhalonga Circuit, 1939-48 Chiduku North; 1949-54 Penhalonga Circuit. 1955, Zimunya South Circuit.

**Marange, Thomas:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1923; Deacon 1926; Elder 1938; 1923 Umtali; 1924-25 Mutambara Circuit; 1926-38; Zimunya Circuit 1939-46 Marange Circuit; 1947-48 Associate, Umtali; Retired 1948.

**Marange, Titus:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924; Deacon 1926, Elder; 1930; 1924-28 Salisbury; 1929-31 in school 1932-33 Gandanzara Circuit 1934-50 Umtali; 1952-55 Mutambara

**Miller, Charles M.:**—On trial Baltimore Conference 1950: Deacon 1950: Elder 1952: 1950 - 1952 In School; Transferred to Rhodesia Conference 1953: 1953 - 54 Mutambara District Superintendent 1955 Superintendent Mrewa, District.

**Mparutsa, Moses:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1928; Deacon 1930; Elder 1933; 1928 - 29 Umtali; 1930 - 44 Nyadiri.; 1945-54 Zimunya South Circuit, 1955 Assistant Superintendent Marange - Chiduku District.

**Mukomblwa, Zachariah:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1926 Deacon 1929; Elder 1932; 1926 Assistant Agriculture Dept. Old Umtali 1927-28 Penhalonga; 1929-33 Headlands Circuit; 1934 - 38 Chiduku Circuit 1939-46 Old Umtali Circuit; 1948 Mrewa East Circuit; 1949 Retired

**Munjoma, Enoch:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934; 1930-31 in school; 1932-53 Mtoko North Circuit, 1954 - 1955 Zimunya Circuit.

**Munjoma, Samuel:**—On trial in the Rhodesia Conference, 1942; Deacon 1944, Uzumba North Circuit 1942-48; 1949-52 Mundenda Circuit. 1953-1955 Marange North Circuit.

**Murphree, Marshall J.:**—On trial Nebraska Conference 1917; Deacon 1919, Elder 1920; Transferred Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; 1921-23 Principal Hartzell Training School, Superintendent Old Umtali District; 1924 Superintendent Mutambara District; 1925 on furlough; 1926-31 Theological Department, Old Umtali; 1926 Gandanzara Circuit; 1927 Superintendent Rusapi District; 1928 Superintendent Old Umtali; Rusapi Districts, Rhodesia Mission Press; 1929 Rhodesia Mission Press-1930-31 Superintendent Rusapi District, Mission Press; 1932 Superintendent Umtali-Rusapi District, St. Andrew's Church; 1933-34 On furlough; 1935-38; Superintendent, Old Umtali District. Principal Hartzell Training School, Mission Press: 1939-40 Superintendent, Old Umtali District and Mission 1941-44—On furlough; 1945 Old Umtali. 1946-50 Superintendent Old Umtali District, Principal Hartzell Training School. 1951 On furlough; 1952-55 Conference Evangelist.

**Mushapaldze, Davison:**—Rhodesia Conference 1953, 1953 Chikore-Tanda Circuit Ordained Deacon 1955.

**Muzorewa, Abel:**—Rhodesia Conference 1953, 1953 Assistant, in Conference Evangelism. Ordained Deacon 1955.

**Muslingwini, Obadiah:**—On trial in the Rhodesia Conference, 1942; Deacon 1944; Mrewa North Circuit, 1942-48; Nyadiri Circuit; 1949-1953 Zimunya North Circuit; 1954 - 1955 Chiduku North Circuit.

**Nemaungwe, John:**—Rhodesia Conference 1953, 1955 Assistant, Miller Memorial Church, Umtali. Ordained Deacon 1955.

**Nduna, John:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1928; Deacon 1930 Elder 1932; Assistant, Hartzell Training School (Literary Department) Old Umtali Circuit 1928-31; 1932-38 Teacher in Hartzell Training School Old Umtali; 1939, Superintendent of Schools Old Umtali District; 1941 Leave of Absence; 1942-43 Assistant, Hartzell Training School (Literary Department) 1942-55 Superintendent Honde District.

**Ngonyama, Reginald:**—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1925 Deacon 1927, Elder 1929; 1925-26 Assistant. Mutambara Mission; 1927-28; Mutambara Circuit and Mutambara Mission 1929-33 Marange Circuit 1934-51

Assistant, Hartzell Training School 1952 Retired.

**Nyamukapa, Patron:**—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1948; Ordained Deacon 1950; 1948 in school; 1950 Northeast Mtoko Circuit; 1951 Chikwizo, 1952-55 Assistant for Literature Evangelism

**O'Farrell, Thomas A.:**— On trial East Central Africa Mission Conference 1910; Deacon and Elder 1910; 1910 to June, 1915 Mutambara Mission and Circuit; 1915-18 On furlough; Jan. to April, 1919 Principal Central Training School, Old Umtali; 1919-20 Mrewa Mission and Circuit; 1921-23 Superintendent, Mrewa District; 1924 On furlough; 1925-26 Superintendent, Mrewa District; 1927-31 Superintendent, Nyadiri District; 1932 On furlough; 1933-39 Superintendent, Nyadiri District; 1940 On Furlough 1941-47 Superintendent, Nyadiri District 1948 Furlough 1949-1951 Umtali African work; 1951 - 52 on furlough, 1953 Retired.

**Roberts, George A.:**— On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; Deacon and Elder 1921; 1907-1908 Old Umtali, Assistant Agriculture Department; 1909-10 Old Umtali Industries. 1911 Old Umtali Agriculture and Sunday School Missionary; 1912 -13 Old Umtali Agriculture Department 1914 On furlough; 1915-18 Old Umtali Agriculture and Animal Husbandry; 1919-20 Mutambara Circuit; 1921 On furlough; 1922-23 Old Umtali Department of Agriculture and Gandanzara Circuit; 1924 Principal Hartzell Training School and Gandanzara Circuit; 1925-28 Principal Hartzell Training School and Department of Agriculture; 1929-30 On furlough; 1931-37 Superintendent, Mutambara District; 1938 On furlough 1939-45 Superintendent, Mutambara District; 1947, On furlough 1948, Principal Nyadiri Mission. 1949-50; 1950 Retired.

**Rugayo, Jackson:**— On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934; 1930-31 in school; 1932-48 Mutambara Circuit. 1949-51 Mrewa; 1952 Maranke North Circuit, 1953-1955 Nyanyadzi.

**Sells, Ernest L.:**— On trial Kentucky Conference 1921; Deacon 1925 Elder 1927; 1921-22 in school; Transferred to Kansas Conference 1923; 1923-24 Winchester; 1925-27 in school; 1927-28 Elgin; Transferred to Rhodesia Mission Conference 1929; 1929-32 Superintendent, Mrewa District; 1933-35 Superintendent, Umtali - Rusapi District, St. Andrew's Church; 1936 On furlough; 1937-1938 Superintendent, Umtali District St. Andrew's Church 1938 Superintendent, Mutambara District 1939-47, Superintendent, Umtali District, On furlough 1948 -49; 1949 - 54 Umtali, St. Andrews & Circuit, 1955 Mrewa Mission Principal Mrewa School.

**Stine Ovid A.:**—On trial Southern Illinois Conference 1941; Ordained; Deacon 1943; Elder 1945; 1941 Mt. Erie 1942; Elisabethtown; 1943, Harrisburg "Dorris Heights"; 1946 - 49 in school; 1950 Transferred to Rhodesia Conference; 1950 Missionary Mtoko; 1952-1954 Superintendent Mrewa District 1955 on furlough

### ON TRIAL

**Chlkosi, Davison:**— Rhodesia Conference 1953, Gandanzara Circuit 1953 1954 1955 Supernumerary.

**Kuwana, Elisha:**— Rhodesia Conference 1953, 1954 Nyakatsapa Circuit. 1954-1955. Mrewa West Circuit.

**Murphree Marshall W.** Rhodesia Conference 1953, 1955 District Evangelist Mtoko District

**Otto, Grace:**— Rhodesia Conference 1953, Deacon 1948, Elder 1952, 1954 Mutambara Girls School, 1955 on furlough.

**Otto, Vivian:**— Rhodesia Conference 1953, Deacon 1948, Elder 1952, 1954 Nyadiri Girls School, 1955 on furlough.

### ORDAINED LOCAL PREACHER

**Tabbs, Miss Lulu:**—Ordained Deacon and Elder, Michigan Annual Conference 14th September, 1924, Appointed as a missionary under the W. F. M. S. to Rhodesia in 1918, Mutambara and Mutambara Circuit 1918 - 1947 (except for times when on furlough). 1949 - 1955 Rural Evangelism



	Printed Page
Appointments	319
Boards Commissions, Committees, Officers	387
Boards: (Reports)	
Conference Claimants	341
Education	341
Evangelism	351
Lay Activities	353
Ministerial Training and Qualifications	353
Temperance	354
Commission: (Reports)	
Worship and Music	355
Finance	355
Committees:	
Auditing .	359
Medical Activities	358
Interdenominational Relations	356
Memoirs	361
Resolutions	360
Student Loans	360
Urban Areas...	359
Historical:	
Conference Sessions	396
Officers	287
Roll of the Dead	394
Roll of Missionaries	397
Pastoral Record	399
Courses of Study	395
Daily Proceedings	299
Disciplinary Questions	316
Editor of Journal	313
Lay members of the Conference	298
Memorials to General Conference	393
Missionaries of the D. W. M. and W. D. C. S.	See Roll
Treasurer's Report	362
Statistician's Report	Following index

**Societies:**

African Christian Convention .....	376
Methodist Historical Society .....	387
African Missionary Society.. .....	348
Rukwadzano Rwe Wadzimai .....	381
Wabvui.....	379

**Councils:**

Methodist .....	385
-----------------	-----

Superintendents' Composite Reports of Districts.	363
--	-----

Literature Stewardship Secretary.....	373
Lay Leader .....	374

Per Hassing Editor

—1955—

*Printed by the Rhodesia Mission Press*

*Old Umtali*

*M. E. Culver Manager.*

STATISTICAL REPORT  
HONDE DISTRICT

HONDE DISTRICT

STATISTICAL REPORT

STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
WORKERS (\*1)

	Honde	Gatsi	Mupa- rutsa	Mande- ya	Zindi	Total
1. Members of Conference	1					1
2. On Trial						
3. Missionaries						
4. Other Missionary Workers						
5. Approved Supply Pastors	1	1				2
6. Other Christian Life Workers	2		1	1		4
7. Volunteer Workers	6	5	2	1	1	15
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY						
8. Baptized Children Under 12	70	31	6		4	111
9. Enrolled Beginners	20	40	19	12	10	101
10. Preparatory Members	12	20	18	6	3	59
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	102	91	43	18	17	271
12. Full Members Enrolled	201	47	6	9	8	291
13. Christian Families	45	18	21	5	4	93
14. Members of Men's Society	6	11	3	2	1	23
15. Members of Women's Society	34	18	12	5	4	73
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	41					41
17. Number of Preaching Places	5	1	2	2	2	12
18. Sunday School (Number)	3	2	2	1	1	9
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	6	5	1	1	1	14
20. Pupil in S. S.	400	86	30	40	30	586
21. Average Attendance at S. S.						
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)						
22. Children Baptized	8	7				15
23. Adult Baptized	2	4	10			16
24. Beginners Received						
25. Preparatory Members Received	8	4	4	1		17
26. Full Members Received from Probation	2	4	10			16
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	40		4			44
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	2					2
29. Full Members Died	1					1
30. Christian Marriages Performed	2	1				3
EDUCATIONAL						
31. Number of Schools	1	1				2
32. Teachers	6	4				10
33. Student (As Below)						
A. Male	117	73				190
B. Student	92	71				163
C. Total Student	209	144				353
34. Finances Ednl (As Below)						
A. Local Receipts for Teacher's Support						
B. Total Teachers' Support	411	377				788
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes						
D. Subsidies	411	377				788

	Honde	Gatsi	Mupa- rutsa	Mande- ya	Zindi	Total
E. Total Expenditure—Ednl. Dept.	411	377				788
F. Receipts for Buildings	150	150				300
MEDICAL						
35. Number of Units (As Below)						
A. Hospitals						
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres	1					1
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.	1					1
36. Medical Staff						
A. Doctors						
B. Nurses	1					1
C. Nurses in Training	2					2
D. Others	1					1
37. Patients (As Below)						
A. Hospitalised						
B. Clinic Patients						
C. Daily Treatments						
38. Finances—Medical						
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts						
B. Subsidies						
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept						
CHURCH FINANCES						
39. Ministerial Support						
A. Pastors	26	7				37
B. District Superintendent						
C. Episcopal Fund						
40. Conference Claimants						
41. Annual Conference Administration						
42. Central Conference Fund						
43. General Conference Administration						
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund						
45. Benevolences (As Below)						
A. Ngariende						
B. Educational Loan Fund						
C. Other Benevolences	24					24
46. Building and Repairs						
47. Other Purposes						
48. Total Cont. of the Local Churches (39-47)						
49. Total Church Expenditures						
PROPERTIES						
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)						
A. Permanent	1					1
B. Semi-permanent						
C. Temporary		1				4
51. Number of Pastors' Residences	1	1				3

STATISTICAL REPORT  
MARANGE-CHIDUKU DISTRICT

MARANGE-CHIDUKU

STATISTICAL REPORT

STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
WORKERS (\*1)

	Chiduku North	Chiduku South	Marake North	Marange South	Total
1. Members of Conference	2	1	1	2	6
2. On Trial					2
3. Missionaries					2
4. Other Missionary Workers					
5. Approved Supply Pastors	1	1	1	1	4
6. Other Christian Life Workers					
7. Volunteer Workers	75	20	120	96	311
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY					
8. Baptized Children under 12	297	125	439	88	949
9. Enrolled Beginners	207	200	391	290	1090
10. Preparatory Members	291	85	228	108	712
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	797	410	1050	486	2751
12. Full Members Enrolled	832	432	631	547	2442
13. Christian Families	160	105	147	127	539
14. Members of Men's Society	22	23	26	33	104
15. Members of Women's Society	275	127	238	210	860
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	12	74	90	404	580
17. Number of Preaching Places	2	3	5	2	12
18. Sunday Schools (Number)	8	6	14	18	46
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	53	20	60	54	187
20. Pupils in S. S.	780	445	939	919	3083
21. Average Attendance at S. S.	660	350	812	643	2465
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)					
22. Children Baptized	71	46	120	46	283
23. Adult Baptized	160	51	30	32	273
24. Beginners Received	79	28	156	177	440
25. Preparatory Members Received	79	98	87	46	310
26. Full Members Received from Probation	160	20	49	35	264
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	37		17	20	74
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	9		21	4	34
29. Full Members Died	2	1	3		6
30. Christian Marriages Performed	20	9	16	14	59
EDUCATIONAL					
31. Number of Schools	5	4	12	10	31
31. Teachers	24	19	54	44	141
33. Student (As Below)					
A. Male	365	343	923	797	2428
B. Female	403	310	869	650	2232
C. Total Students	768	653	1792	1447	4660
34. Finances Ednl. (As Below)					
A. Local Receipt for Teachers Support					
B. Total Teachers' Support					
C. Local Receipt for Other Purposes	1853	1250	2830	2950	9883
D. Subsidies	40	75	220	175	510

	Chiduku North	Chiduku South	Marange North	Marange South	Total
E. Total Expenditures-Ednl. Dept.	1893	1325	4050	3125	10333
F. Received for Buildings	200	100	215	500	1015
MEDICAL					
35. Number of Units (As Below)					
A. Hospitals					
B. Dispensaries or Treatments Centres					
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.					
36. Medical Staff					
A. Doctors					
B. Nurses					
C. Nurses in Training					
D. Others					
37. Patients (As Below)					
A. Hospitalized					
B. Clinic Patients					
C. Daily Treatments					
38. Finances-Medical					
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts					
B. Subsidies					
C. Total Expenditures-Medical Dept.					
CHURCH FINANCES					
39. Ministers Support					
A. Pastors	151	100	125	115	491
B. District Superintendents					
C. Episcopal Fund	2	2	2	2	8
40. Conference Claimants	20	13	17	16	66
41. Annual Conference Administration	1	1	1	1	4
42. Central Conference Fund	4	2	3	3	12
43. General Conference Administration	1	1	1	1	4
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund					
45. Benevolences (As Bilow)					
A. Ngariende	1				1
B. Educational Loan Fund					
C. Other Benevolences					
46. Building and Repairs	270	325	600	100	1295
46. Other Purposes					
48. Total Cont of the Local Churches (34-47)	422	444	750	237	1853
49. Total Church Expenditures	416	444	750	237	1847
PROPERTIES					
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)					
A. Permanent	3	3	3	3	12
B. Semi parmenet		1	4	8	13
C. Temporary			4		4
51. Number of Pastors' Resident	1	1	1	1	4



STATISTICAL REPORT  
MREWA DISTRICT

STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
WORKERS (1)

	Center	North	South	East	West	Head-lands	Chikore Tanda	Total
1. Members of Conference	3	2				1		6
2. On Trial			1	1	1		1	4
3. Missionaries	5							5
4. Other Missionary Workers								
5. Approved Supply Pastors				1		2		3
6. Other Christian Life Workers								
7. Volunteer Workers	19	44		68	24	57	48	260
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY								
8. Baptized Children under 12	100	143	188	398	35	121	46	1031
9. Enrolled Beginners	128	333	183	267	211	313	74	1509
10. Preparatory Members	169	187	138	194	172	135	69	1064
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	392	663	100	859	362	569	189	3604
12. Full Members Enrolled	365	416	298	1039	337	502	196	3153
13. Christian Families	35	60	48	89	57	153	42	484
14. Members of Men's Society	8	25	43	41	35	27	25	204
15. Members of Women's Society	92	127	119	231	167	159	50	945
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	250	48	63	184	37	319	224	1125
17. Number of Preaching Places	3	8	9	14	11	11	3	59
18. Sunday Schools (Number)	2	8	14	20	9	10	4	67
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	19	41	54	47		37	21	219
20. Pupils in S. S.	460	740	145	1189		967	282	3783
21. Average Attendance at S. S.	445	500	250	1106		600	273	3174
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)								
22. Children Baptized	17	15	21	54	41	52	10	210
23. Adult Baptized	23	13	34	67	44	54	28	263
24. Beginners Received	27	149	39	113		48	376	376
25. Preparatory Members Received	28	26	24	50		13	22	163
26. Full Members Received from Probation	21	18	41	66	56	55	17	274
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	16	5	1	27	48	10	4	113
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	12	2	4	6	12	12	2	50
29. Full Members Died		3		6	1	3		13
30. Christian Marriages Performed	7	4	1	13	0	10	7	42
EDUCATIONAL								
31. Number of Schools	2	7	5	10	8	6	2	40
31. Teachers	23	32	24	35	36	15	9	174
33. Student (As Below)								
A. Male	375	562	459	620	553	282	206	3057
B. Female	225	499	423	525	460	211	132	2475
C. Total Students	600	1061	882	1145	1013	493	338	5532
34. Finances Ednl. (As Below)								
A. Local Receipt for Teachers Support								
B. Total Teachers' Support	5859	2575	1852	2627	2490	895	690	16988
C. Local Receipt for Other Purposes	2015	188	154	203	182	79	56	3877
D. Subsidies	5859	2575	1852	2627	2490	895	690	16988

MREWA DISTRICT

STATISTICAL REPORT

	Center	North	South	East	West	Head-lands	Cikore Tanda	Total
E. Total Expenditures-Ednl. Dept.	8874	2763	2006	2830	2672	974	716	20865
F. Received for Buildings		590	265	209	775	100	140	2079
MEDICAL								
35. Number of Units (As Below)								
A. Hospitals								
B. Dispensaries or Treatments Centres	1							1
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.								
36. Medical Staff								
A. Doctors								
B. Nurses								
C. Nurses in Training								
D. Others	1							1
37. Patients (As Below)								
A. Hospitalized								
B. Clinic Patients								
C. Daily Treatments	1080							1080
38. Finances—Medical								
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts								
B. Subsidies								
C. Total Expenditures-Medical Dept	83							83
CHURCH FINANCES								
39. Ministers Support								
A. Pastors	132	155	130	167	158	92	45	879
B. District Superintendents	2	2	2	6	2	3	2	19
C. Episcopal Fund	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	14
40. Conference Claimants	5	5	6	6	7	7	5	41
41. Annual Conference Administration	1			1	1	1		4
42. Central Conference Fund	2	1	2	4	2	3	1	15
43. General Conference Administration	1	1	1	1		1		5
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund								
45. Benevolences (As Bilow)								
A. Ngariende	4	10	4	8	4	3	3	36
B. Educational Loan Fund				2				2
C. Other Benevolences				58				58
46. Building and Repairs	250	100	550	464			64	1428
46. Other Purposes	5	1	3	8	4	5	3	29
48. Total Cont of the Local Churches (34-47)	401	279	700	730	190	118	124	2542
49. Total Church Expenditures	401	279	700	730	190	118	124	2542
PROPERTIES								
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)								
A. Permanent	1	1	1	1	7	6		17
B. Semi parmenet		4	4	9			1	18
C. Temporary			1				1	2
51. Number of Pastors' Resident	1	1		1	2	2		6



STATISTICAL REPORT  
MTASA—MAKONI DISTRICT

MTASA—MAKONI DISTRICT

STATISTICAL REPORT

STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
WORKERS (\*1)

	Nyaka- tsapa	Penha- longa	Merde- nda	Ganda- nzara	Old Umtali	Total
1. Members of Conference	2	1	1	1	9	14
2. On Trial					1	1
3. Missionaries	2				26	28
4. Other Missionary Workers					3	3
5. Approved Supply Pastors						
6. Other Christian Life Workers	3	1	1	1	4	10
7. Volunteer Workers	86	57	17	81	55	296
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY						
8. Baptized Children Under 12	890	157	121	167	10	13 5
9. Enrolled Beginners	566	105		103	39	813
10. Preparatory Members	77	122	53	110	40	1052
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	2183	384	174	380	89	3210
12. Full Members Enrolled	1405	304	410	751	69	2939
13. Christian Families	433	72	125	128	58	816
14. Members of Men's Society	42	34	38	34	25	173
15. Members of Women's Society	416	110	166	298	60	1080
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	339	19	317	116	555	1346
17. Number of Preaching Places	3	8	5	13	17	46
18. Sunday School (Number)	12	8	5	10	4	39
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	63	25	15	32	96	231
20. Pupil in S. S.	1384	493	597	539	224	4237
21. Average Attendance at S. S.	1148	389	4 0	344	1190	3491
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)						
22. Children Baptized	79	13	34	20	4	150
23. Adult Baptized	114	15	20	9	74	222
24. Beginners Received	228	60	32	31	31	382
25. Preparatory Members Received	137	31		3		171
26. Full Members Received from Probation	110	13	33	25	82	253
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	19	6	2	5	63	95
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	16	13	4	40	39	112
29. Full Members Died	2	1	7	2		12
30. Christian Marriages Performed	46	6	11	18	4	85
EDUCATIONAL						
31. Number of Schools	11	4	3	8	5	31
32. Teachers	42	12	13	32	37	136
33. Student (As Below)						
A. Male	671	238	215	563	449	2136
B. Student	605	189	207	522	301	1824
C. Total Student	1276	427	422	1085	750	3960
34. Finances Ednl (As Below)						
A. Local Receipts for Teacher's Support	108	42				150
B. Total Teachers' Support	3508	822	1134	2877	9160	17501
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes	595				1997	2592
D. Subsidies	1008	822	1134	2877	10205	19016

	Nyaka- tsapa	Penha- longa	Munde- nda	Ganda- nzara	Old Umtali	Total
E. Total Expenditure—Ednl. Dept.					12560	12560
F. Receipts for Buildings						
MEDICAL						
35. Number of Units (As Below)						
A. Hospitals						
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres					1	1
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.					1	1
36. Medical Staff						
A. Doctors						
B. Nurses					3	3
C. Nurses in Training						
D. Others					10	10
37. Patients (As Below)						
A. Hospitalised						
B. Clinic Patients					729	729
C. Daily Treatments					1851	1851
38. Finances—Medical						
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts					300	300
B. Subsidies					565	565
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept.					2052	2052
CHURCH FINANCES						
39. Ministerial Support						
A. Pastors	190	104	104	142	180	720
B. District Superintendent	10	2	2	5	2	21
C. Episcopal Fund	3	1	1	1	2	8
40. Conference Claimants	5	6	5	5	5	26
41. Annual Conference Administration	16	4	3	10	24	57
42. Central Conference Fund	7	1	1	4	1	14
43. General Conference Administration	2	1	1	1	1	6
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund						
45. Benevolences (As Below)						
A. Ngariende	1			1	25	27
B. Educational Loan Fund					10	10
C. Other Benevolences					10	10
46. Building and Repairs				595		595
47. Other Purposes					54	54
48. Total Cont. of the Local Churches (39-47)	234	119	117	764	314	1548
49. Total Church Expenditures						
PROPERTIES						
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)						
A. Permanent	2	1	2	3	3	11
B. Semi-permanent	8	3	1	5	1	18
C. Temporary		4		2	1	7
51. Number of Pastors' Residences	2	1	1	1	7	12

STATISTICAL REPORT  
MTOKO DISTRICT

MTOKO DISTRICT

STATISTICAL REPORT

STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
WORKERS ( 1 )

	South	North	East	Chikwizo	Total
1. Members of Conference	2			1	3
2. On Trial		1	1		2
3. Missionaries	1				1
4. Other Missionary Workers	1				1
5. Approved Supply Pastors	1				1
6. Other Christian Life Workers	1				1
7. Volunteer Workers				1	1
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY					
8. Baptized Children under 12	23	281	55	21	127
9. Enrolled Beginners	1001	465	766	84	2316
10. Preparatory Members	206	119	186	55	566
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	1250	612	1007	160	3009
12. Full Members Enrolled	165	176	224	18	583
13. Christian Families	29	31	73	4	137
14. Members of Men's Society	16	52	40		108
15. Members of Women's Society	103	152	207	19	481
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	919	28	762	80	1789
17. Number of Preaching Places	9	8	12	5	34
18. Sunday Schools (Number)	6	8	11	1	26
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	52	48	98	10	208
20. Pupils in S. S.	1515	1133	1497	160	4305
21. Average Attendance at S. S.	1280	898	895	130	3203
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)					
22. Children Baptized	10	12	32	4	58
23. Adult Baptized	15	13	52	7	87
24. Beginners Received	334	21	718	36	1109
25. Preparatory Members Received	79	32	84	10	205
26. Full Members Received from Probation	25	16	21	7	69
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	9	4		1	14
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	14	7			21
29. Full Members Died	2				2
30. Christian Marriages Performed	13	4	9		26
EDUCATIONAL					
31. Number of Schools	6	8	9	1	24
31. Teachers	35	22	30	3	90
33. Student (As Below)					
A. Male	774	577	816	89	2256
B. Female	590	394	497	36	1447
C. Total Students	1294	971	1313	125	3701
34. Finances Ednl. (As Below)					
A. Local Receipt for Teachers Support		45	58		103
B. Total Teachers' Support	3154	1199	1637	210	6200
C. Local Receipt for Other Purposes	614	125	64	18	821
D. Subsidies	3404	1215	1719	228	6566

	South	North	East	Cikwizo	Total
E. Total Expenditures-Ednl. Dept.	4019	1463	1896	246	7624
F. Received for Buildings	200	420			620
MEDICAL					
35. Number of Units (As Below)					
A. Hospitals					
B. Dispensaries or Treatments Centres					
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.					
36. Medical Staff					
A. Doctors					
B. Nurses					
C. Nurses in Training					
D. Others					
37. Patients (As Below)					
A. Hospitalized					
B. Clinic Patients					
C. Daily Treatments					
38. Finances - Medical					
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts					
B. Subsidies					
C. Total Expenditures- Medical Dept					
CHURCH FINANCES					
39. Ministers Support					
A. Pastors	231	156	96	24	507
B. District Superintendents					
C. Episcopal Fund					
40. Conference Claimants					
41. Annual Conference Administration	1				1
42. Central Conference Fund	1	1	1		3
43. General Conference Administration	1				1
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund					
45. Benevolences (As Bilow)					
A. Ngariende	4	2	4	1	11
B. Educational Loan Fund					
C. Other Benevolences	1			1	2
46. Building and Repairs					
46. Other Purposes					
48. Total Cont of the Local Churches (34-47)	238	160	102	25	525
49. Total Church Expenditures					
PROPERTIES					
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)					
A. Permanent	1				1
B. Semi parmenet	4	8	9	1	22
C. Temporary					
51. Number of Pastors' Resident	3	2	1	1	7



STATISTICAL REPORT  
MUTAMBARA DISTRICT

STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
WORKERS (\*1)

	Muta- mbara East	Muta- mbara West	Zimunya North	Zimunya South	Nya- nyadzi	Muta- mbara Center	Total
1. Members of Conference	1	1	1	1	1	4	9
2. On Trial							
3. Missionaries						6	6
4. Other Missionary Workers							
5. Approved Supply Pastors							
6. Other Christian Life Workers							
7. Volunteer Workers					26		26
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY							
8. Baptized Children Under 12	98	146	508	217	60	246	1275
9. Enrolled Beginners	610	666	95	1119	379	197	3066
10. Preparatory Members	429	305	208	266	144	122	1474
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	1137	1117	811	1602	583	565	5815
12. Full Members Enrolled	337	205	630	476	125	463	2236
13. Christian Families	34	90	4	93	30	70	321
14. Members of Men's Society	13	10	6	22	10	15	76
15. Members of Women's Society	99	69	250	128	52	71	669
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship		42	4		30	240	316
17. Number of Preaching Places	7	11	6	3	6	3	36
18. Sunday School (Number)	14	14	11	19	2	2	62
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	21	37	13	55	22	24	172
20. Pupil in S. S.	560	1179	244	886	546	470	3865
21. Average Attendance at S. S.	428	815	189	568	390	430	2850
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)							
22. Children Baptized	2	15	55	5	19	23	119
23. Adult Baptized	16	9	42	21	16	30	134
24. Beginners Received	26	203		19	39	50	337
25. Preparatory Members Received	13	47	54	22	87	69	282
26. Full Members Received from Probation	16	9	13	22	25	36	131
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	3	8		7	9	9	36
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	3	1	45	2	4	20	75
29. Full Members Died				4			4
30. Christian Marriages Performed	3	5	21	18	2	5	54
EDUCATIONAL							
31. Number of Schools	7	6	6	9	4	1	33
32. Teachers	23	21	29	38	16	12	139
33. Student (As Below)							
A. Male	390	345	525	564	465	153	2142
B. Student	360	336	479	512	265	110	2062
C. Total Student	750	681	1004	1076	730	263	4504
34. Finances Ednl (As Below)							
A. Local Receipts for Teacher's Support						7	7
B. Total Teachers' Support	1633	1524	2564	2379	1545	1104	11349
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes							
D. Subsidies							

MUTAMBARA DISTRICT

STATISTICAL REPORT

	East	West	Zimunya North	Zimunya South	Nyanya- dzi	Mutamba- ra Center	Total
E. Total Expenditure—Ednl. Dept.							
F. Receipts for Buildings							
MEDICAL							
35. Number of Units (As Below)							
A. Hospitals						1	1
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres						6	6
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.						1	1
36. Medical Staff							
A. Doctors							
B. Nurses						6	6
C. Nurses in Training							
D. Others						12	12
37. Patients (As Below)							
A. Hospitalised						1241	1241
B. Clinic Patients						4402	4402
C. Daily Treatments						47732	47732
38. Finances—Medical							
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts						621	621
B. Subsidies						1000	1000
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept.						2241	2241
CHURCH FINANCES							
39. Ministerial Support							
A. Pastors	134	104	104	104	90	142	678
B. District Superintendent							
C. Episcopal Fund							
40. Conference Claimants							
41. Annual Conference Administration	1						1
42. Central Conference Fund	2						2
43. General Conference Administration							
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund							
45. Benevolences (As Below)							
A. Ngariende			2				2
B. Educational Loan Fund							
C. Other Benevolences							
46. Building and Repairs							
47. Other Purposes							
48. Total Cont. of the Local Churches (39-47)							
49. Total Church Expenditures							
PROPERTIES							
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)							
A. Permanent	3		2	4	1	1	11
B. Semi-permanent	3		2	4			9
C. Temporary	1		1	0			2
51. Number of Pastors' Residences	1	1	1	1	1	1	6

STATISTICAL REPORT  
NYADIRI DISTRICT

NYADIRI DISTRICT

STATISTICAL REPORT

STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
WORKERS (\*1)

	Nyadiri Center	Nyadiri East	Nyadiri Circuit	Uzumba South	Maramba Pfungwe	Total
1. Members of Conference	1		1	1		3
2. On Trial	1	1			1	3
3. Missionaries	12					12
4. Other Missionary Workers						
5. Approved Supply Pastors						
6. Other Christian Life Workers						
7. Volunteer Workers	56	16	75	65	37	249
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY						
8. Baptized Children under 12	62	63	44	53	60	282
9. Enrolled Beginners	306	931	1228	1115	424	4004
10. Preparatory Members	227	222	134	324	87	988
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	595	1216	1406	1386	573	5274
12. Full Members Enrolled	432	161	181	242	107	1123
13. Christian Families	57	25	27	49	29	187
14. Members of Men's Society	8	14	17	37	11	87
15. Members of Women's Society	44	54	92	159	30	370
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	278	782	3	187	80	1247
17. Number of Preaching Places	12	4	8		11	35
18. Sunday Schools (Number)	19	12	13	11	11	94
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	41	39	41	42	30	1522
20. Pupils in S. S.	401	1204	1370	1532	557	4662
21. Average Attendance at S. S.	375	1029	1068	1230	454	3888
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)						
22. Children Baptized	5	12	23	7	18	65
23. Adult Baptized	59	10	34	40	25	168
24. Beginners Received		458	253	898	120	1728
25. Preparatory Members Received	34	34	138	59	21	286
26. Full Members Received from Probation	57	10	34	37	16	154
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	12	5	19	4	11	51
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer		1	10	10		21
29. Full Members Died	2					2
30. Christian Marriages Performed	1	7	7	23	1	39
EDUCATIONAL						
31. Number of Schools	2	6	8	7	4	27
31. Teachers	22	23	35	32	11	123
33. Student (As Below)						
A. Male	545	521	725	703	272	2766
B. Female	419	324	539	502	110	1894
C. Total Students	964	845	1264	1205	382	4660
34. Finances Ednl. (As Below)						
A. Local Receipt for Teachers Support		132	158		19	309
B. Total Teachers' Support	3415	1385	1846	1974	482	9082
C. Local Receipt for Other Purposes	3513					3513
D. Subsidies	3445	1253	1688	1974	463	8823

	Nyadiri Center	Nyadiri East	Nyadiri Circuit	Uzumba South	Maramba Pfungwe	Total
E. Total Expenditures-Ednl. Dept.	9470	1385	1846	1974	482	15157
F. Received for Buildings	1006	168				1174
MEDICAL						
35. Number of Units (As Below)						
A. Hospitals	1					1
B. Dispensaries or Treatments Centres	3				1	4
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.	1					1
36. Medical Staff					3	3
A. Doctors	1					1
B. Nurses	3				2	5
C. Nurses in Training	27					27
D. Others	7					7
37. Patients (As Below)						
A. Hospitalized	3259					3259
B. Clinic Patients	14680			2286	2656	19622
C. Daily Treatments	35869					35869
38. Finances—Medical						
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts	932				52	984
B. Subsidies	2484					2484
C. Total Expenditures-Medical Dept.	6810					6810
CHURCH FINANCES						
39. Ministers Support						
A. Pastors	62	55	75	75	62	385
B. District Superintendents	75					75
C. Episcopal Fund	2	1	2	1	1	7
40. Conference Claimants	22					22
41. Annual Conference Administration	1		1			2
42. Central Conference Fund	2	1	1	1	1	6
43. General Conference Administration	1		1			2
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund						
45. Benevolences (As Bilow)						
A. Ngariende	14	2		2	2	20
B. Educational Loan Fund						
C. Other Benevolences					7	7
46. Building and Repairs				944	142	1086
46. Other Purposes						
48. Total Cont of the Local Churches (34-47)						
49. Total Church Expenditures						
PROPERTIES						
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)						
A. Permanent				9	6	15
B. Semi parmenet		7		9		16
C. Temporary		1		4		5
51. Number of Pastors' Resident	1	1			1	3



STATISTICAL REPORT  
UMTALI URBAN AREA

STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
WORKERS (\*1)

	St. Andrews	Hilltop	Total
1. Members of Conference	2	3	5
2. On Trial		1	1
3. Missionaries	2	3	5
4. Other Missionary Workers	1		1
5. Approved Supply Pastors	1		1
6. Other Christian Life Workers		3	3
7. Volunteer Workers	3	42	45
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY			
8. Baptized Children Under 12	325	570	895
9. Enrolled Beginners	125	365	490
10. Preparatory Members		675	675
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)		1610	1610
12. Full Members Enrolled	647	1181	1828
13. Christian Families	310	586	896
14. Members of Men's Society		77	77
15. Members of Women's Society	40	421	461
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	42	250	292
17. Number of Preaching Places	13	27	40
18. Sunday School (Number)	2	4	6
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	30	24	54
20. Pupil in S. S.	280	483	763
21. Average Attendance at S. S.	185	350	535
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)			
22. Children Baptized	64	121	185
23. Adult Baptized	4	31	31
24. Beginners Received		136	136
25. Preparatory Members Received	74	71	145
26. Full Members Received from Probation	74	159	233
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	33	17	50
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	6	72	78
29. Full Members Died	4	2	6
30. Christian Marriages Performed	22	22	44
EDUCATIONAL			
31. Number of Schools			
32. Teachers			
33. Student (As Below)			
A. Male			
B. Student			
C. Total Student			
34. Finances Ednl. (As Below)			
A. Local Receipts for Teacher's Support			
B. Total Teachers' Support			
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes			
D. Subsidies			

UMTALI URBAN AREA

STATISTICAL REPORT

	St. Andrews	Hilltop	Total
E. Total Expenditure—Ednl. Dept.			
F. Receipts for Buildings			
MEDICAL			
35. Number of Units (As Below)			
A. Hospitals			
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres			
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.			
36. Medical Staff			
A. Doctors			
B. Nurses			
C. Nurses in Training			
D. Others			
37. Patients (As Below)			
A. Hospitalised			
B. Clinic Patients			
C. Daily Treatments			
38. Finances—Medical			
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts			
B. Subsidies			
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept.			
CHURCH FINANCES			
39. Ministerial Support			
A. Pastors		612	612
B. District Superintendent	2	9	11
C. Episcopal Fund	9	4	13
40. Conference Claimants		10	10
41. Annual Conference Administration	8	2	10
42. Central Conference Fund	3	6	9
43. General Conference Administration	1	2	3
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund			
45. Benevolences (As Below)			
A. Ngariende		16	16
B. Educational Loan Fund			
C. Other Benevolences	45	60	105
46. Building and Repairs	661	100	761
47. Other Purposes		530	530
48. Total Cont. of the Local Churches (39-47)	1629	722	2351
49. Total Church Expenditures	1629	1351	2980
PROPERTIES			
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)			
A. Permanent	2	2	4
B. Semi-permanent			
C. Temporary			
51. Number of Pastors' Residences	1		1



STATISTICAL REPORT  
SALISBURY URBAN AREA

SALISBURY URBAN AREA

STATISTICAL REPORT

STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
WORKERS (\*1)

Salisbury

Salisbury

1. Members of Conference	2
2. On Trial	2
3. Missionaries	
4. Other Missionary Workers	
5. Approved Supply Pastors	1
6. Other Christian Life Workers	20
7. Volunteer Workers	
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY	
8. Baptized Children under 12	40
9. Enrolled Beginners	26
10. Preparatory Members	437
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	503
12. Full Members Enrolled	549
13. Christian Families	48
14. Members of Men's Society	13
15. Members of Women's Society	38
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	8
17. Number of Preaching Places	6
18. Sunday Schools (Number)	4
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	9
20. Pupils in S. S.	237
21. Average Attendance at S. S.	150
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)	
22. Children Baptized	45
23. Adult Baptized	10
24. Beginners Received	26
25. Preparatory Members Received	58
26. Full Members Received from Probation	10
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	58
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	8
29. Full Members Died	
30. Christian Marriages Performed	9
EDUCATIONAL	
31. Number of Schools	
31. Teachers	
33. Student (As Below)	
A. Male	
B. Female	
C. Total Students	
34. Finances Ednl. (As Below)	
A. Local Receipt for Teachers Support	
B. Total Teachers' Support	
C. Local Receipt for Other Purposes	
D. Subsidies	

E. Total Expenditures-Ednl. Dept.	-
F. Received for Buildings	-
MEDICAL	
35. Number of Units (As Below)	-
A. Hospitals	-
B. Dispensaries or Treatments Centres	-
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.	-
36. Medical Staff	-
A. Doctors	-
B. Nurses	-
C. Nurses in Training	-
D. Others	-
37. Patients (As Below)	-
A. Hospitalized	-
B. Clinic Patients	-
C. Daily Treatments	-
38. Finances - Medical	-
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts	-
B. Subsidies	-
C. Total Expenditures- Medical Dept.	-
CHURCH FINANCES	
39. Ministers Support	-
A. Pastors	-
B. District Superintendents	-
C. Episcopal Fund	-
40. Conference Claimants	-
41. Annual Conference Administration	-
42. Central Conference Fund	-
43. General Conference Administration	-
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund	-
45. Benevolences (As Bilow)	-
A. Ngariende	-
B. Educational Loan Fund	-
C. Other Benevolences	-
46. Building and Repairs	69
46. Other Purposes	9
48. Total Cont. of the Local Churches (34-47)	
49. Total Church Expenditures	217
PROPERTIES	
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)	-
A. Permanent	-
B. Semi parmenet	-
C. Temporary	-
51. Number of Pastors' Resident	-

STATISTICAL REPORT  
CONFERENCE WORKERS

STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
WORKERS (\*1)

	Evange- lism	Womens Bible	Health Education	Total
1. Members of Conference	1			1
2. On Trial	1	1	1	3
3. Missionaries				
4. Other Missionary Workers	1			
5. Approved Supply Pastors	1	2	3	6
6. Other Christian Life Workers				1
7. Volunteer Workers				
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY				
8. Baptized Children Under 12				
9. Enrolled Beginners				
10. Preparatory Members				
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)				
12. Full Members Enrolled				
13. Christian Families				
14. Members of Men's Society				
15. Members of Women's Society				
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship				
17. Number of Preaching Places				
18. Sunday School (Number)				
19. Teachers and Officers in S S				
20. Pupil in S S.				
21. Average Attendance at S S				
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)				
22. Children Baptized				
23. Adult Baptized				
24. Beginners Received				
25. Preparatory Members Received				
Full Members Received from Probation				
27. Full Members Received by Transfer				
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer				
29. Full Members Died				
30. Christian Marriages Performed				
EDUCATIONAL				
31. Number of Schools				
32. Teachers				
33. Student (As Below)				
A. Male				
B. Student				
C. Total Student				
34. Finances Ednl (As Below)				
A. Local Receipts for Teacher's Support				
B. Total Teachers' Support				
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes				
D. Subsidies				

CONFERENCE WORKERS

STATISTICAL REPORT

	Evangelis m	Womens Bible Training	Health Education	Total
E. Total Expenditure—Ednl. Dept.				
F. Receipts for Buildings				
MEDICAL				
35. Number of Units (As Below)				
A. Hospitals				
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres				
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.				
36. Medical Staff				
A. Doctors			1	1
B. Nurses			2	2
C. Nurses in Training				
D. Others			1	1
37. Patients (As Below)				
A. Hospitalised				
B. Clinic Patients				
C. Daily Treatments				
38. Finances—Medical				
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts				
B. Subsidies				
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept.				
CHURCH FINANCES				
39. Ministerial Support	324			324
A. Pastors				
B. District Superintendent				
C. Episcopal Fund				
40. Conference Claimants				
41. Annual Conference Administration				
42. Central Conference Fund				
43. General Conference Administration				
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund				
45. Benevolences (As Below)				
A. Ngariende				
B. Educational Loan Fund				
C. Other Benevolences				
46. Building and Repairs				
47. Other Purposes				
48. Total Cont. of the Local Churches (39-47)				
49. Total Church Expenditures				
PROPERTIES				
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)				
A. Permanent				
B. Semi-permanent				
C. Temporary				
51. Number of Pastors' Residences				

# DISTRICT TOTALS FOR 1955

## STATISTICAL FORM RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE WORKERS (\*1)

	Mtoko	Nyadiri	Mrewa	Mtasa Makoni	Honde	Marange Chiduku	Mutambara	Umtali Urban	Salisbury Urban	Conference Workers	Missionaries Not now on Field	Grand Total for 1955
1. Members of Conference	3	3	6	14	1	6	9	5	2			49
2. On Trial	2	3	4	1				1		1		12
3. Missionaries	1	12	5	28		2		5	2	3	26	84
4. Other Missionary Workers	1			3				1				5
5. Approved Supply Pastors	1		3		2	4		1				11
6. Other Christian Life Workers	1			4	4			3	1	6		19
7. Volunteer Workers	1	249	260	296	15	311	26	45	20	1		1224
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY												
8. Baptized Children under 12	127	289	1031	1345	111	949	1275	895	40			6055
9. Enrolled Beginners	2316	4004	1509	813	101	1090	3066	490	26			13415
10. Preparatory Members	566	988	1064	1052	59	712	1474	675	437			7027
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	3009	5274	3604	3210	271	2751	5815	2060	503			26497
12. Full Members Enrolled	583	1123	3153	2939	291	2442	2236	1828	549			15144
13. Christian Families	137	187	484	816	93	539	321	896	48			3521
14. Members of Men's Society	108	87	204	173	23	104	76	77	13			865
15. Members of Women's Society	481	370	945	1080	73	860	669	461	38			4977
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	1789	1247	1125	1346	41	580	316	292	8			6744
17. Number of Preaching Places	34	35	59	46	12	12	36	40	6			280
18. Sunday Schools (Number)	26	94	67	39	9	46	62	6	4			353
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	908	1522	219	231	14	187	172	54	9			2616
20. Pupils in S. S.	4305	4662	3783	4237	586	3083	3865	763	237			25521
21. Average Attendance at S. S.	3243	3858	3174	3491	450	2465	2850	535	150			20176
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)												
22. Children Baptized	58	65	210	150	15	283	119	185	45			1130
23. Adult Baptized	87	168	263	222	16	273	134	31	10			1204
24. Beginners Received	1109	1728	376	382		440	337	136	26			4534
25. Preparatory Members Received	205	286	163	171	17	310	282	145	58			1637
26. Full Members Received from Probation	69	154	274	253	16	264	131	233	10			1404
17. Full Members Received by Transfer	14	51	113	95	44	74	36	50	58			535
18. Full Members Removed by Transfer	21	21	50	112	2	34	75	78	8			401
19. Full Members Died	2	2	13	12	1	6	4	6				46
30. Christian Marriages Performed	26	39	42	85	3	59	54	44	9			361
EDUCATIONAL												
31. Number of Schools	24	27	40	31	2	31	33					188
31. Teachers	90	123	174	136	10	141	139					813
33. Student (As Below)												
A. Male	2256	2766	3057	2136	190	2428	2442					15275
B. Female	1447	1894	2475	1824	163	2232	2062					12097
C. Total Students	3703	4660	5532	3960	353	4660	4504					27372
34. Finances Ednl. (As Below)												
A. Local Receipt for Teachers Support	103	31		150			7					291
B. Total Teachers' Support	6200	9082	16988	17501	788	9883	11349					71791
C. Local Receipt for Other Purposes	821	3513	3877	2592								10803
D. Subsidies	6566	9051	19988	19096	788	10393	11642					77474



## DISTRICT TOTALS FOR 1955

	Mtoko	Nyadiri	Mrewa	Mtasa Makoni	Honde	Marange Chiduku	Mutambara	Umtali Urban	Salisbury Urban	Conference Workers	Missionaries Not Now on Field	Grand Total for 1955
E. Total Expenditures-Ednl. Dept.	7624	15157	20865	22146	788	10393	11642					88615
F. Received for Buildings	620	1174	2079	1376	300	1015	850					7414
MEDICAL												
35. Number of Units (As Below)												
A. Hospitals		1					1					2
B. Dispensaries or Treatments Centres		4	1	1	1		6					13
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.		1		1	1		1					4
36. Medical Staff												
A. Doctors		1								1		2
B. Nurses		5		3	1		6			2		17
C. Nurses in Training		27			2							29
D. Others		7	1	10	1		12			1		32
37. Patients (As Below)												
A. Hospitalized		3259		729			1241					5229
B. Clinic Patients		19622		1851			4402					25875
C. Daily Treatments		35869	1080				47732					84681
38. Finances—Medical												
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts		984		300			621					1905
B. Subsidies		2184		565			1000					4049
C. Total Expenditures-Medical Dept		6811	83	2052			2241					11187
CHURCH FINANCES												
39. Ministers Support												
A. Pastors	507	385	879	720	37	491	678	612	140	324		4773
B. District Superintendents		75	19	21				11				126
C. Episcopal Fund		7	14	8		8		13				50
40. Conference Claimants		22	41	26		66		10				165
41. Annual Conference Administration	1	2	4	57		4	1	10				79
42. Central Conference Fund	3	6	15	14		12	2	9				61
43. General Conference Administration	1	2	5	6		4		3				21
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund												
45. Benevolences (As Bilow)												
A. Ngariende	11	20	36	27		1	2	16				113
B. Educational Loan Fund			2	10								12
C. Other Benevolences	2	7	58	10	24			105				206
46. Building and Repairs		1086	1428	595		1295		761	69			5234
46. Other Purposes			29	54				530	9			622
48. Total Cont of the Local Churches (34-47)	535	1612	2542	1548	61	1853	683	2351	218			11393
49. Total Church Expenditures	525	1612	2542	1548	61	1847	683	2980	217			12015
PROPERTIES												
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)												
A. Permanent	1	15	17	11	1	12	11	4				72
B. Semi permanent	22	16	18	18		13	9					96
C. Temporary		5	2	7	4	4	2					24
51. Number of Pastors' Resident	7	3	7	12	3	4	6	1				43















